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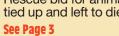
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Council to continue charities' subsidy

THOUSANDS of pounds of business rates will continue to be paid on behalf of char-

to be paid on behalf of char-ities and not-for-profit organisations in Dudley after council chiefs voted to keep covering the cost. More than 300 organisa-tions across the borough will benefit from the scheme, which was approved by members of the cabinet after a review.

Hospice

Members agreed to cover £240,000 worth of business

rates. Among the charities to receive the support is Stour-bridge-based Mary Stevens Hospice. It will save them an estimated £20,000 a year. The council carried out a review to see if cutbacks could be made as it battles to save millions of pounds over the next three years. But it was proposed that the council continue to offer the same level of support as previous years.

vious years.

Members voted to make an amendment to the current policy to award enti-tlements for one financial year at a time, rather than indefinitely, as is the current

position. Mandatory relief already covers 80 per cent of business rates for charities and amateur sports clubs, which is funded half by the council and half by the Government.

Shoppers park free

FREE car parking is being offered to shoppers in Dudley on the next two Sat-

Dudley on the next two Saturdays before Christmas.
Charges are being suspended in all council-run car parks in town centres across the Dudley borough on December 14 and 21 to encourage more shoppers to buy locally.
Transport boss Councillor Knurshid Ahmed said: "The festive season is a busy time for everyone and we want to help local businesses and

help local businesses and shoppers as much as we

E WILL FACE THIS TOGETHER'

Report by Alex Ross

GINNY was sipping cocktails in the sun on a holiday in Benidorm with husband Colin when she received the first shot of devastating news.

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"Ginny, I've got some bad news, I've got cancer," said her best friend and neighbour Maggie over the phone. "The routine scan showed up a tumour, I'm now getting the breast removed." The news hit her like a hammer blow. Then her thoughts turned to the results of her own mammogram, carried out before the holiday.

Her worst fears were realised when she returned home to Brierley Hill. There, on the kitchen cabinet, were two letters from Russells Hall Hospital. "I knew straight away, there was not any doubt in my mind," says the 53-year-old.

"After what happened to Maggie and the letters at home, I knew, I just knew. My husband

People voice

opposition

to bus cuts

DON'T touch the Ring and Ride service or increase fares for children. That was the message from people in Dudley who turned out to have their say about plans to cut £14 million from the budget for buses and trams.

Transport authority Centro has taken to the road to get the public's view on the pro-posals and stopped off in Dudley town centre on Saturday

Retired building site manager Peter

Retired building site manager Peter Beale, 68, from Rennison Drive, Wombourne, said: "Things like Ring and Ride are a tremendous help to thousands of people in the region. The bus, train and tram are lifelines to many elderly people. These are very worrying times for all of them.

Lawson Reynolds, 80, from Cedar Avenue, Coseley, who uses the bus and tram with wife Marie at least three times a week, said: "It would be wrong to increase the fares of children. They are our future and it could mean big problems for some in getting to school."

The biggest relief to many of the visitors

Colin tried to tell me it was nothing but a check on a cyst but I knew.
"It was awful, a real week from hell, it felt like everything was coming down around me."

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Ginny Weaver's fears were confirmed when she had a biopsy at the hospital and a further meeting with a specialist who delivered the devastating news that she had a tumour on her breast bone.

Meanwhile, Maggie Taylor by this stage had taken the option for a mastectomy, deciding to have the breast removed rather than risk her tumour growing further.

Crying

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The 66-year-old had been called for an appointment at Russells Hall Hospital following her mammography, taken a week before Ginny's. Following further tests, she too had been told the news by a specialist. "I thought the world had stopped. I was there with my friend Anne Hewitt, and we broke down together, both of us crying. It was terrible," she said.

Maggie was then taken home in Planet Road, Brierley Hill, to her husband Barry. "I walked in and told him and he broke down too. He says 'we will get through it,

"I walked in and told him and he broke down too. He says 'we will get through it, we have to'. But we cried all that first night, the next day too. I was in shock for a couple of weeks, it was always there in the back of my mind."

When she found out Ginny also had breast cancer, she was further saddened. "I couldn't believe it. Three doors apart and a fortnight between the two of us," she said.

But as they begin treatment, the friends say their relationship has strengthened as they set out determined to battle the disease together.

This week both women went through

This week both women went through their third chemotherapy sessions. The pair accompany each other, being taken in the car by Ginny's husband Colin.



Friends and neighbours Maggie Taylor, left and Ginny Weaver, both diagnosed with breast cancer

Their treatment will end early next year

Their treatment will end early next year and more tests will then be carried out to discover if the cancer has gone.

Maggie, a retired assembly worker from Bird Stevens in Quarry Bank, said: "This is something we have to do. We have to stay positive and do it together.

"We have lost our hair and she has given up work, but we have kept our friendship, and it has strengthened. That is important right now."

Ginny, who hopes to return as a senior supervisor at The Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill, said: "We are unlucky but lucky we have each other for support. We have both started well and we're really hopeful we can get through this."

Last week, Maggie's brother-in-law, Les Taylor, aged 56, took part in a charity head-shave with friend Dennis Andrews at The Rose and Crown in Brierley Hill to raising £1,500 for Breast Cancer Research.

Heating helpline calls are soaring

THE number of calls to a helpline offering support to people struggling to keep their homes warm have shot up by 50 per cent.

Dudley Council has seen a characteristic in manha services.

sharp rise in people contact-ing its winter warmth service since October.

There have 162 calls and

requests during the past two months date, compared with just 50 during the same period last year.

Fears

Rising energy bills and fears about severe winter weather have led to more people seeking help, says council bosses.

The service was set up two years ago in a bid to reduce the number of people who died as a result of being cold in their homes.

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around 200 such deaths in the borough a year.
Portable heaters, blankets and hot water bottles are provided thorough crisis funding, while people are assisted with their energy debts and helped to switch to the cheapest supplier.
The scheme also arranges for local 'befriending' services to make regular visits to people who may be at risk of

people who may be at risk of becoming isolated during cold weather.

Contact Dudley's winter warmth helpline on 01384

Motorist is charged

A MAN has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving after a crash in which a church minister and his wife died.

Rev John Bedford, who served at Baptist churches in Oldbury and Coseley, and his wife Audrey were killed when their Volvo was involved in a collision with an Audi in Oldbury in May. Police charged 23-year-old Damon Richardson, of Church Hill. Frankley

Church Hill, Frankley Green, with two counts of causing death by dangerous driving. He was bailed.

to school." The biggest relief to many of the visitors to the Centro mobile display in Stone Street Square was that concessionary free bus passes for those currently eligible would not be affected by the cut. West Midland Pensioners Convention representatives w warned: "We have real concerns over the future of Ring and Ride." We can uplift and remove old carpet and will move leavy furniture.

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Old fashioned Christmas has growing appeal

THESE days the festive season means homes are full of the latest gadgets and flashing LED lights. But a traditional Christmas, where families gather around a roaring fire and stockings are lined up on the hearth, can still be found here in the Black Country.

Historic venues in the area say they are experiencing a rush of people hankering to swap the stress of a modern day Christmas for the warm glow of an old fashioned yuletide.

Whether it's the 'Downton Abbey effect' or the

Whether it's the 'Downton Abbey effect' or the weariness of Christmas shoppers tired of traips-

ing the shops, the appeal of the vintage Christmas is growing. Carols around the fireside and eating mince pies by candlelight – places where these are on offer are proving very popular with families. The Black Country Living Museum in Dudley is offering people the chance to see what Christmas was like before the arrival of late night shopping, games consoles and multi-channel TV. From December 19 to 23, there will be bellringers, carol singers, street organs and a brass band, all performing against the backdrop of

band, all performing against the backdrop of thecandlelit Victorian village.

Lucy Wakelin, director of communications at the Tipton Road attraction, said: "Stepping back in time brings a certain kind of magic to the nor-mally frantic days before Christmas – time out for

all the family to enjoy the run up to the big day."
Festive foods are also being served up, including handmade fudge, hot roasted chestnuts, toffee apples and, of course, real ale and mulled

wine.
Tickets cost £15.50 for adults, £12.50 for senior citizens and £7.45 for young people and must be pre-booked, Call 0121 557 9643.

Little Star Jake fights cancer with bravery

YOUNG Jake Ballinger's parents thought he was suffering from a nasty bout of flu when he

was not his usual chirpy self.

But when doctors ordered a series of tests they were left stunned when it was revealed that he had developed

stunned when it was revere leukaemia. However, the six-year-old schoolboy from Kingswinford now faces a brighter future and has been recognised for his bravery by a cancer charity.

Jake, who attends Glynne Primary School, was diagnosed with leukaemia in March this year and has suffered osteoprovisi as a side

fered osteoporosis as a side effect of his treatment.

Awards

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He is facing his ordeal with such bravery that his mother Rachel put him forward for one of Cancer Research UK's Little Star awards. The awards celebrate the courage of all children who confront cancer and are backed by famous names, including pop sensation Emeli Sande and Wolverhampton-born soul singer Beverley Knight, who liss starring in West End musical The Bodyguard. Jake's symptoms began last Christmas when the whole Ballinger family went down with flu and Jake, then five, seemed to be suffering particularly badly.

But his 'flu' didn't clear up and he didn't want to walk to school because it made his legs ache. When he developed swelling in his back and chest, his parents Rachel and Mark Ballinger Payeroll.

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Mark Ballinger took
to Dudley's Russells

him to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. Jake was referred to Birm-ingham Children's Hospital where doctors initially sus-pected an infection. He was given a series of blood tests and eventually sent to spe-cialists for a bone marrow

test.
"They said 'Have you ever heard of leukaemia?'" said Mrs Ballinger. "Well I'd

by Andrew Turton

heard of it but I never expected it in my child.
"It was a total shock when we got a diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. The good news is that it was a low risk type," she explained.
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Jake has been through the intensive phase of his chemotherapy and now faces lower dose 'maintenance' therapy until 2015.

"During the worst part of the treatment he was completely wiped out and in hospital. He lost loads of weight and of course he lost his hair. There was one occasion. There was one occasion when he said 'I don't want to be me', but apart from that he has borne it all with such

he has borne it all with such bravery.

"Jake is high on life now that the worst is over His hair's grown back, his eyes shine and he's got his sparkle back.

"He has to be very careful about physical activity because he has osteoporosis as a result of his chemother-apy but the doctors say that is a temporary thing."

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When Jake received his When Jake received his Little Star award he took it to school and showed it to everyone in assembly. His twin sister Charlotte and brother Jamie, eight, also received certificates in recognition of the support they have given to Jake.

Jane Redman, Cancer Research UK West Midlands spokesperson, said: "Jake is a true Little Star and richly deserves this award. It is lovely to see him doing so

lovely to see him doing so To nominate a child for a

Little Little Star award www.cruk.org/littlestar



Brave six-year-old Jake with his mother Rachel, and top, from left, his twin sister Charlotte, Jane Redman from Cancer Research and his brother, Jamie, aged 8

Fast food giant in bid for approval

FAST food giant McDonald's is making a fresh bid for planning permission for a £200,000 revamp of one of its restaurants, in a move that could create jobs.

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Bosses want to create a dual lane drive-thru and overhaul the car park at the site in Bromsgrove Road, Halesowen. But council offi-

Halesowen. But council offi-cers had concerns about the scheme and originally refused to give the go-ahead. Now the restaurant has submitted a revised set of proposals, which bosses say would reduce waiting times for customers and help to cut noise and congestion.

Information

Around five jobs will be created on top of 15 already provided by the restaurant extending its opening hours. Planners at Dudley Council had refused their first application after they said the fast food giant failed to provide enough information on noise levels and how tion on noise levels and how the new layout would work.

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McDonald's now says it
has launched a new bid to
get approval for the project.

A spokesman said: "The
planning officer requested a
couple of minor changes;
mainly that we conduct a
tree survey and also install
an improved acoustic fence.

"We've accented both

'We've accepted both these comments but the pro posed ed scheme otherwise

posed scheme otherwise remains the same.
"The dual lane drive-thru, and reconfiguration of the car park represents a significant investment, through which we expect to reduce waiting times, noise and congestion, and create in the region of five jobs."

Bosses said the 'side-by-side ordering' would reduce the build up of cars.
Two residents in nearby Grange Road had objected to the original plan.

Memory tree is to be lit up

PEOPLE can help raise money for a charity while remembering dece loved ones at Christmas

loved ones at Christmas.
Age Concern Stourbridge
& Halesowen are holding a
switch-on event for their
memory tree tomorrow,
Friday. It will take place at
the Elton Centre in St
John's Road, Stourbridge,
from 4pm. Attending the
ceremony will be the Mayor
of Dudley, Councillor Alan
Finch, and Stourbridge MP
Margot James.



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Tributes to a prolific goalscorer

A FOOTBALLER who notched up hundreds of goals during a glittering amateur career on the pitch has died at the age of 39.

Former Tipton Town striker Brendan Pugh had a trial at current Championship club Watford but did not want to leave the area where he made his name as a prolific goal-scorer with blistering pace.

He died at home December 3 after a long illness. His wife Nicola, 36, led tributes poured in from the footballing fraternity including from the president of his former club Tipton Town. Former Tipton

Нарру

Father-of-two Mr Pugh, who lived with his family in Hope Road, Tipton, started as a youth at Halesowen Town and during his playing career had been at Willenhall, Stourbridge, Oldbury, Darlaston, Tividale, Toll End and Tipton Town.

Nicola said: "Everybody admired him because of how good he was, nobody ever

admired him because of how good he was, nobody ever knocked him. The only thing people would have said was he should have pushed harder and gone further, but he was happy where he was. "He didn't want to travel, he liked his comfort zone. We were once offered a relocation to Canada through his work but he said he wasn't ready to give up football and

ready to give up football and he would miss his mum and

West Bromwich Albion West Bromwich Albion season ticket holder Mr Pugh, who ran the Rising Sun pub in Tipton for eight years as well as being an electrician, would follow the Baggies across the country with two boys Danny, 17, and Reece, aged 13.

At his funeral last week he was to be carried in a blue was to be carried in a blue

was to be carried in a blue and white striped coffin with the club's crest on.

the club's crest on.
John Cross, president and chairman at Tipton Town, where Mr Pugh remains one of their highest-ever scorers with more than 120 goals, said: "He was a brilliant footballer and very outgoing. He was a very quick player, which is why he scored so many goals."

Armed robber

A RAIDER armed with a gun and knife demanded cash in a raid on a bookmakers in the Black Country. The raid happened at William Hill in Queen's Road, Smethwick, on Saturday at 8.20pm. No shots were fired and the robber fled empty-handed.

Last Thursday robbers struck at Co-op stores in Regent Road, Tividale, and Penn Road, Wolverhampton.

Pet ban for couple who left dog to suffer

"I WAS poorly" – that was an alcoholic's response to an RSPCA inspector who found his dog suffering from severe mange.

Mark Taylor, 37, and his wife Billy, 39, have been banned from keeping animals for life after failing to provide veterinary care for their dog Tammy.

They both also received 10-week prison sentences, suspended for 12 months, and were placed under supervision for a year.

Mark Taylor was put on a six-month alcohol treatment plan while Billy Taylor was placed on a 21-day activity requirement. Both were ordered to pay £500 court costs.

The pair pleaded guilty to causing unnec-

The pair pleaded guilty to causing unnecssary suffering to a protected animal.

Sandwell Magistrates Court on Friday of infection. It would have been obvious to heard that the couple from Lye had taken the Staffordshire bull terrier to the PDSA pain and desperately required treatment."

with demodectic mange last October.
They took the dog to two further appointments in December and January but did not return despite being asked to by the vets.
In April RSPCA inspectors visited their home in Connops Way and found the dog under a blanket with severe mange.

Mrs Garner Sutton, precenting for the

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting for the RSPCA, told the hearing the dog was taken to be examined by an independent vet. She said: "The vet described it as one of the worst cases they have ever seen. The dog was systematically ill and in pain as a result

Appointments

In interview, Mark Taylor said he was too poorly to take the dog to appointments.

Mrs Sutton said: "What is clear is that the condition has been ongoing from October the previous year. Some treatment has been given by PDSA but defendants failed to keep appointments and get medication."

appointments and get medication.
"There was a period of prolonged neglect, with some attempts to get the dog treated, but it was wholly inadequate."

Mrs Dawn Foxall, defending the couple,

said both are unemployed and claiming benefits and Mark Taylor is an alcoholic.

The dog was purchased for Billy Taylor by Mark Taylor as an engagement present in June 2011. June 2011.

June 2011.

Mrs Foxall said: "It has to be accepted that they took some steps to try and address the condition, they didn't go far enough. They missed appointments. The condition cleared up but they didn't appreciate that this was something which would return with vengeance." with vengeance.

The two-year-old dog has since recovered and is to be re-homed.

Mrs Foxall added: "They are both gen-uinely remorseful."

Crisis as horses being tied up and left to die

their posts with authorities struggling to

cope, says a Black Country MP. The RSPCA and councils are being swamped with calls over the problem but suspect there could be even more cases

over the problem but suspect there could be even more case which are not being reported through fears of reprisals from aggressive owners.

The issue has been raised in Parliament amid mounting concern that cash-strapped councils are being inundated with calls and unable to deal with tethered horses

One animal welfare officer in the Black Country has revealed that as many as three calls can be made about wild horses in a single

Health

Seven horses were found by the RSPCA last week – five of them near Fens Pool in Brierley Hill, the other two in Wolverhampton.

two in Wolverhampton.
Four of the horses found in Brierley Hill had to be put down because they were in such poor health.
The Government says Parliament is currently working on a new law that will require owners of 'fly-grazed' horses to remove or sell them or be charged with sell them or be charged with a criminal offence.

a criminal offence.

The pledge was made after
Pat McFadden, MP for
Wolverhampton South East
said the problem is a
common one across the
Pledk Country. common one across the Black Country. Dudley Council alone spent more than £150,000

over two years to round up

Mr McFadden said exist-ing legislation to tackle the problem was not working and that the government

needed to give more support to councils.

He said: "In many parts of the Black Country, specifi-cally around the Bilston and Bradley areas of my con-stituency, it is common to see horses grazing on abandoned former industrial

Forgotten, unwanted or too injured to be of any use, horses cost more to humanely put to sleep than they would make by being

they would make by being sold.

It leaves the RSPCA and animal welfare officers collecting them from parts of the Black Country and, in many cases, having to immediately put them out of their misery:

misery.
There are calls from council leaders and an MP for urgent action to deal with "fly-grazing" amid reports that animals have been found in appalling conditions – in some cases ditions – in some cases already dead and still teth-

already dead and still tethered to ropes.
Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett, Dudley, is a particular problem spot.
RSPCA inspector Jackie Hickman said four of the horses found in Brierley Hill were in such poor health they had to immediately be put to sleep. put to sleep.
Inspector Hickman said:

"It can cost more to deal with these animals than the owners would get for selling



RSPCA inspector Jackie Hickman with Skippy, one of the horses rescued from a bleak fate in the Black Country

RSPCA inspector Jackie Hickman with Skippy, one of the horses rescued from a bleal are becoming a dumping ground for these poor horses. "Equine shelters are at the point where they are overwhelmed.

Cost

"I am very saddened by what's happening. We work with authorities like Dudley Council but it is an extremely difficult situation to stay on top of."

It has cost taxpayers in year, and the stream of the horses rescued from a bleat are resourced from a bleat on the high way. The work were to single previously had to chase off strays and been forced to put up fencing to keep animals at bay.

Three years ago horses were taken away in the borough over two years. She said: "The police have legal powers to remove public open space or private land such as Fens Pool and were the point of the po

It has cost taxpayers in Dudley borough £150,000 since 2011 to remove the abandoned horses and either

vear, three animals were spotted wandering along Pensnett High Street, forcing drivers to slow down

Family run Est since 1978

allow their animals to roam free are doing so illegally. "We have a long-standing,

Wood said 300 stray horses were taken away in the tried and tested arrange-borough over two years.

She said: "The police have ment agency which posts legal powers to remove warning notices stating that horses from the highway. Unfortunately these same horses may be impounded in police powers do not apply on targeted actions at appropripublic open space or private at times." land such as Fens Pool Intimidation from owners

As this land is not designated by the council as ing to Mr McFadden, who grazing land for horses, irresponsible horse owners who

MP urges use of heating helpline

DUDLEY North MP Ian
Austin has called on residents to take advantage of
energy schemes to help
heat their homes.
New research from
Home Heat Helpline
shows that 118,000 households in the Black Country
are eligible for assistance
from their energy supplier
with heating their homes.

are engine for assistance from their energy supplier with heating their homes. In total 26 per cent of homes in the Black Country are entitled to relief from energy companies. Households that qualify include low income pensioners, disadvantaged families with children or those with a disability. Mr Austin MP said: "Annual energy bills have gone up by £300 a year since 2010. The best way for people in the Black Country to prepare right now is to call the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 33 66 99 to see if they're eligible for assistance."

UKIP announce council candidate

WORDSLEY born and raised businessman Paul Brothwood, aged 30, has been announced as the UKIP candidate for Word-sley in next May's Dudley Council elections.

Council elections.
Chairman of Dudley and
Halesowen UKIP, Bill
Etheridge said: "Paul is
one of the exciting new
generation of UKIP candidates that we expect to
take the council elections
by storm in May."
UKIP will contest every
Dudley Council seat.

Family carols in town arts centre

CHRISTMAS Together in Netherton will be cele-brated at Netherton Arts Centre on Saturday, and admission is free.

The event from 7pm will

The event from 7pm will feature community carols for the family. Local schoolchildren will be per-forming. Refreshments will be available. The musical event is being organised by Churches Together In Netherton.

Festive theme at church's concert

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poems will feature at a
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ON THE surface, glamour, glitz and sweet perfection. Underneath, yuk. From what we have heard in court, the Saatchi/Nigella marriage could have come straight out of Beautiful South's hit, Don't Marry Her. The song has a wonderful (and suitably culinary) line describing the sad state of affairs "when your socks smell of angels, but your life smells of Brie."

ANYONE else puzzled at the Government's eagerness to get people with dementia diagnosed as quickly as possible? The latest weapon in the campaign is a dementia map showing which parts of Britain are good, having the highest numbers of patients diagnosed by doctors, and which areas are bad for identifying fewer sufferers. Call me awkward but if I felt the mist descending in my head, I'd be inclined to move to one of the bad areas pretty damn quick. Most types of dementia cannot be cured and having the Dword stamped on your medical records can ruin your life on many levels, from losing your driving licence to being refused travel insurance. I bet millions of folk see no point in a diagnosis until there is some hope of a cure. Just put in a diagnosis until there is some hope of a cure. Just put me down as "a bit forgetful," thanks.

BY CHANCE, in the week that the Government urged us to take Alzheimer's more seriously, my local sweetshop started selling Senior Moment Memory-Loss Mints.

AIR Vice-Marshal Elaine West, Britain's most senior female officer, says that one day a woman may head the armed forces. I seem to recall a woman did exactly that, a while oze. The rest head forces are the bred force the late of the control of the contro while ago. Twin-set, pearls, handbag? Come to think of it, for a few years Britain's armed forces were commanded by two women. The one with the handbag and the one with

the crown.

AS an avid online customer, I love the idea of remotecontrolled drones delivering Amazon items to our back
garden. For a start, it will save wear-and-tear on our potholed old farm track. And yet drones, as used to deadly
effect in Afghanistan and Pakistan, are not foolproof. If they
can delive; fool libs of high explosive to the wear address. can deliver 500 lbs of high explosive to the wrong address they can presumably send a boxful of birthday presents to the wrong person. There is also the tiny problem that our back garden, like so many, is equipped with a steel-rein-forced drone-wrecking device. Or washing line, as we call

ONE of the saddest news reports of the past few days was the discovery of a cannabis farm in the old Drakelow Tunnels near Kidderminster. It was the latest indignity Tunnels near Kidderminster. It was the latest indignity heaped on a place which is a national treasure deserving of protected status. The tunnels were built in the Second World War as a factory producing aircraft engines in bomb-proof workshops deep in the solid rock. In the Cold War, the tunnels became "The Hole," the regional-government bunker from which, if the worst happened, the Midlands would be fed, watered, healed and governed. I spent a week-long exercise down there in the early 1980s when it was throbbing with life as Home Office scientists, weath-ermen, military officers, cops and fire chiefs planned for nuclear war. Other bunkers have been saved but Drakelow nuclear war. Other bunkers have been saved but Drakelow nuclear war. Other bunkers have been saved but Drakelow lies neglected, vandalised and latterly used for growing hash. In its own way it is as important to our island story as the caverns below Dover Castle or Churchill's war bunker. It deserves better than this.

IN AN idle moment I voted in an online poll asking whether people who throw flares at football matches should face harsher punishment. I expected to see an overwhelming Vss vote. But at the time I cast my vote more

should face harsher punishment. I expected to see an over-whelming Yes vote. But at the time I cast my vote, more than a quarter of respondents had voted against tougher sanctions. This suggests thousands of fans are fairly relaxed about blazing objects being lobbed over their heads. And then you do the sums and realise that Bradford was 28 years ago. No-one under 40 really remembers what happens when a football stadium catches fire. Let us hope they never have a reminder.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Patient left hospital in handcuffs

SHE arrived at hospital in an ambulance but Nicola Lucas left in handcuffs after attacking a security guard in a 'disgraceful' drinkfuelled chain of events.

After she got to Russells Hall Hos-pital in Dudley, Nicola Lucas quickly left the hospital site after she had an argument with a man and then argument with a man and then boarded a nearby bus. But her

behaviour meant she had to be ejected from the bus by hospital security guard Chad Baxter.

Spitting

Prosecutor Mrs Dawn Cartwright said as Lucas was taken downstairs in the bus, she kicked Mr Baxter before spitting over his face while she was being restrained.

She said 'hope you die in your sleep' as she was put on the floor. At Dudley Magistrates' Court, she pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance at the hospital on October 12 and also to assaulting Mr Baxter. Lucas, aged 34, of Blackhorse Lane, Brierley Hill, was spared an immediate jail sentence but was given an eight-week prison term

sions.

Mr Roy McVeighty, defending Lucas, told the court: "She appears to be genuinely remorseful and fears the outcome of today."

Lucas is also facing a bill for over £250 after being told to pay £100 compensation and £165 in costs.

Frozen food future for market building

frozen food supermarket in a move hoped to boost trade in a Black Country High Street.

Concord Market in Brierley Hill's High Street, which closed five months ago, will be reopened as a Farm Foods store in January.

Market owner Shane Birch-Bastock announced the awarding of the 20-year lease to the Scottish-based firm, which has more than 300 stores across the country.

Report by Alex Ross

The inside of the market has been stripped since traders moved out on June

Free

He also said more than 70 parking spaces at the rear of the market will remain free to use for up to two hours. The Concord Market was

The Concord Market was at the 9,000 sq ft indoor site for more than 40 years until closure in July.

Mr Birch-Bastock, who is managing director of owners Pentax Developments, said he also had interest for the site from a car sales firm but preferred the supermarket o support town regenera-

tion. He said: "I wanted to make sure the new use of the market would benefit the town in the long-term and get people walking down that end of the street and adding footfall for other businesses.
"It is said to see the market.

'It is sad to see the market go but it was losing money for years. I couldn't do it any longer. It needed something new to come in and give the place a new look and purpose."

traders moved out on June 29.

Mr Birch-Bastock said he Mr Birch-Bastock said he exchanged contracts with the supermarket chain and that the company was to spend a 'significant' amount refitting the building.

The flooring is uneven and needs cementing, explained Mr Birch-Bastock. He said that, as part of the agreement with the firm, he was to start a parking man-

agreement with the tirm, he was to start a parking management system where vehicles using the rear car park would have number plates checked by camer.

He said: "The town needs this – I'm looking forward to come the beauty of the said of the town needs the said of the town needs the said of the town needs the said of the said of

seeing the progress and

Ward councillor for Brier-ley Hill, Zafar Islam, wel-comed the move to revive the building.

He said: "It's never good

rie said: "It's never good to have a large unit empty for so long. I think it will help the town and provide better choice for cus-tomers."

Farm Foods declined to

Man had indecent images

A MAN found with indecent images of children on his computers has been handed a three-year community order

puters has been handed a three-year community order. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard police raided the family home of Stephen Martin, aged 44, in Bromley Lane, Pensnett, on September 28. Martin, now of Kingsley Road, Kingswinford, was given a three-year community order with supervision and must undertake a sex offender treatment programme. He was ordered to sign the sex offenders' register and to pay £240 costs after admitting 10 offences of possession of indecent images of children, and three of having extreme pornographic images.

Bucketloads of cash for charity



Charity fundraising manager Karen Phillips with Chartway's John Clark and wife Karen, from Bridgnorth, who have chosen the charity for their company to support

From Bridgnorth, who have chosen the STAFF at a manufacturing firm have pledged to dig deep to support a hospital charity with their latest appeal.

Chartway, based at Harts Hill, Brierley Hill, will be donating £1,000 for patients helped by the Dudley Group NHS Charity.

The charity works with patients at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and also those out in the community. Charity volunteers have launched their annual appeal—

this year called 'Cancer - caring for the patient and their family'.

patient and their family'.

Charity fundraising manager Karen
Phillips said: "It is vital to the charity that
we provide as much added comfort for our
cancer patients as possible." Chartway managing director John Clark added: "When my
wife and I have had cause to visit hospitals in
the past we realised what a difference charitable funds can make to the patients."

Investing in hi-tech machine pays off

A COMPANY in Kingswinford is reporting increased business after making a six-figure investment in new technology.

Arford Steel Profiles strengthened its portfolio by spending £300,000 on a hitch plasma cutting machine in October

The equipment is now up and running after a complex

and running after a complex and running after a complex installation process at the company's Stallings Lane site and owner Diane Kim-berley said there has already been strong interest from customers.

Orders

"The plasma machine gives us a massive boost because it means we can complete orders quicker and more precisely than ever before," she said.
"It has only been running for a week and we've already won business that we would-n't have if we had continued with only our flame cutting

with only our flame cutting

with only our flame cutting equipment.
"Speed, precision and quality are the big watchwords in this industry these days and bringing in plasma technology means we are in a better position to meet all of our customers' requirements.

ments.

Arford Steel Profiles,
which has been going for
more than 20 years, was
taken over in 2006 by Miss
Kimberley, the company's former commercial director who has been in the steel industry all of her working

life.

The company has enjoyed growth since then and now has a consistent turnover of around £2.5 million.

Rubbish will become fuel

THOUSANDS of tons of rubbish that were once des-tined for landfill will now be

stations at a name.
Tipton.
Plans to convert the Biffa
Waste Facility in Chimney
Road into a site that creates
refuse derived fuels (RDF) have been approved by Sandwell Council.

Sandwell Council.
Councillors at a planning meeting voted unanimously to see the site converted to allow it to turn waste once destined for landfill into RDF

More than 60,000 tons of the processed waste will go to power stations around the world.







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NEWS

Funding is available to back social care ideas

A £200,000 funding pot has been launched for commu-nity-minded businesses who believe they can make a dif-ference to adult social care and support services in Pudley berguth and support a Dudley borough

Dudley Council has launched round two of the Dudley Innovation Fund

Dudley Innovation Fund (DIF) to help people get ideas off the ground.

The first phase was launched at the end of 2012 when the council announced it was making £200,000 available for small enterprises, community groups and voluntary organisations. Money was awarded to several small enterprises including Dudley Centre for Inclusive Living, MDH Support and Bread2Share.

Gaps

Since then the council has worked to identify where gaps exist in adult social care and services. Applicants for round two will be asked to consider how they can address these.

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There will be three strands to the fund. The first element is Kick Start, which offers grants of £500 to £2,000to develop or test an idea. The second element is progression funding which offers grants of up to £10,000 to implement an idea and the final new element for 2014 is the innovation bursary. vation bursary.

People will be able to get

advise at a surgerys taking place on Saturday in Netherton. Places need to be booked on 01384 815875.

Call to knock down Arthur

A FORMER mayor hopes an empty landmark pub in Dudley is demolished because it is becoming an

because it is becoming an eyesore.

The King Arthur pub on the corner of the Birmingham Road and Priory Road has been closed for more than two years and this autumn it was refused the protection of listed status by English Heritage because of fire damage.

fire damage. Councillor Ken Finch said

Councillor Ken Finch said he now hoped that decision would pave the way for the site to be redeveloped. He said: "We're waiting on the developer to put forward a planning applica-tion to redevelop the pub. The sooner the better." Dudley Council made an order earlier this year that any work to demolish the

any work to demolish the pub would need a full plan-

Building society opens new HQ at The Waterfront



THE next stage of the Dudley Building Society's modernisation has been taken with the move of its head office to a new home in Brier-

head office to a new home in Brier-ley Hill.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, cut the ribbon at the offi-cial opening of the society's new offices at Harbour Buildings at The Water-

which have nearly 0,000 sq tr or space.

As well as opening the new twostorey offices, the society is in the
midst of a modernisation programme
for its six branches in the Black
Country and south Staffordshire.

Assets

The main Dudley branch remains at the society's former head office site in Stone Street, Dudley. The society, which has 33,000 members and assets of £319 million, is

also introducing a new information technology system across its business.

The society's chief executive. Jeremy Wood, who joined the Dudley from One Savings Bank last year, said: "We have plans to grow the society and place it very much at the heart of the community in the Black Country."

community in the Black Country.

The society also marked the opening of the new offices with a celebration dinner at Himley Hall, when special guests were entertained by veteran Black Country comedian Aynuk and up-and-coming blues performer Blues Box Dox Oncombact to convert seel. Boy Dan Owen, who is to support rock legends Fleetwood Mac on tour next year.

in brief

Craft group has a town centre shop

town centre shop
A SOCIAL enterprise,
which helps adults recovering from mental illness,
has moved to a new town
centre shop and workshop
at King Street in Dudley.
Local law firm Higgs &
Sons Solicitors, assisted
Woodside Crafts with its
move. Previously based at
the Woodside Day Centre,
it involves people in
making wooden items and
garden furniture for sale.
Richard Griffiths, an
associate solicitor in
Brierley Hill-based Higgs'
corporate department, has
been acting as a mentor to

been acting as a mentor to the group since February as part of the law firm's commitment to support-ing social enterprises.

Chief's praise for creative agency

creative agency
A MARKETING and
design agency received a
visit from a regeneration
chief as part of Small Business Saturday.
Councillor Judy Foster,
cabinet member for regeneration at Dudley Council,
went to see Nuteracker
Designer in Martins Hall
Street, Dudley. The agency
has been going for 12 years
and employs nine people.
Councillor Foster said:
"It is really inspiring to see
a creative design agency
here in Dudley working
with new media for local
and national clients."

Dementia group

Dementia group earns NHS praise

A DEMENTIA support service used by more than 1,000 people has been highly commended by the NHS.

NHS.
Dudley Council's dementia gateway service received the praise from the national NHS Dementia Partnership Challenge for its innovation.It provides help to 1,300 people and aims to help people stay at home for longer.

Santa's sleigh is now on the way

THE Rotary Club of Kinver will bring Santa on his evening sleigh ride to Dunsley tonight, Kinver High Street on Saturday, Bridgnorth Road area of Wollaston on Monday, Stourton on Tuesday, Vicarage Road area of Wollaston on Wednesday, and Wall Heath on December 19

Old canal bridge is made stronger

A 170-year-old bridge that has undergone major safety work has been reopened. Major strength-ening work has been carried out on Brades Hall Canal Bridge in Dudley Road East, Oldbury.

Temporary jobs at store ut sooner than expected

for its opening have had their contracts cut short as bosses say they are no longer

Extra staff were taken on by Tesco ahead of the opening Stourbridge at the end of October.

Report by Alex Ross

October:
A total of 47 people were brought in to assist the 352 permanently contracted employees.
Some had their temporary contracts set up to run until December 31.
But bosses decided to end all temporary contracts at the store and launched a consultation with affected staff members. staff members.

staff members.

A spokesman said:
"Whenever we open a new
store it is normal that we
take on a number of temporary colleagues to support
the permanent team
members. Unfortunately we
are not able to extend the
temporary contracts.
"Everyone on a temporary

"Everyone on a temporary contract has been made aware of other opportunities in the business and we will be supporting them should they wish to pursue these."

A worker who joined the

store on a permanent con-tract in October, but did not

morale had dropped follow

morale had dropped follow-ing the news some staff would be leaving.

He said: "After hearing about everyone, I thought, "rubbish, am I going to be losing my job too?" It isn't great with some of the workers coming in and then leaving soon after – some are obviously unhapov."

reaving soon arter – some are obviously unhappy." Out of the 352 permanent staff employed, none had been impacted by the deci-sion, the Tesco spokesman said.

said.

This included the 98 people taken on as part of a Regeneration Partnership programme to help those long-term unemployed get back into work, while 45 positions were given to positions were given to young people.

young people.

The store received 5,000 applications for the 350 jobs created. The Tesco Extra store is 94,500 sq ft and is the anchor store at the new Crown Control

THE future of a crane services business and its workforce in Amblecote has been secured following a takeover by a major French group. Rob Lewis, managing director at Crane Services, had

Rob Lewis, managing director at Crane Services, nad decided he wanted to retire after reaching the age of 61, and has sold the business to REEL, a £400m-a-year nuclear lifting specialist with operations around the world. The price tag on the takeover deal is not being revealed but a Crane Services spokeswoman said it would mean 'job carwitte for all'.

security for all'.

The company currently employs 13 people at its Platts Road head office and workshop, with another dozen employed at REEL's UK site near Reading.

Holly's day of delight at school



Helping Holly – Receiving the cheque is, front from left, Julie Perks, and Holly Foley, aged six, with class teachel Kelly Williams, and her classmates at Ashwood Park Primary School, in Bells Lane, Wordsley

Kelly Williams, and her clase FUNDRAISERS have collected more than £2,000 to help a Stourbridge family buy a specially adapted bike for a girl growing up with a disability that makes it difficult for her to ger around. Holly Foley suffers from a condition called sacral agenesis which causes a partition of the spine and leaves her struggling with mobility.

The six-year-old mainly uses a raffle tickets to help pay for the hand-wheelchair at the moment and has begun walking with the aid of a frame for short distances.

When other businesses heard about the cause, they also stepped into help,

tor short distances.
When her classmates and teachers
Ashwood Park Primary School, in
Wordsley, heard of her difficulties they
struck upon a fundraising plan to help.
Her fellow pupils have been selling

When other businesses heard about the cause, they also stepped into help, including £377 from online cake mould retailer Mamma & Mia Moulds. Holly's mother Julie Perks, 45, said: "We have been overwhelmed by every-one's mercaity."

one's generosity

CHRONICLE



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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW FORMER Home Secretary

Jack Straw says 'there is never a good time to increase MPs' pay'. Too right there's not. So let's make sure it never happens.

make sure it never happens.

ON a more serious note, the fact that two-thirds of MPs think that they are underpaid says much about the make-up of the House of Commons today.

Not so long ago, few people saw politics as a career. It was a hobby, an outside interest

hobby, an outside interest, something that people did to give something back to the com-munity towards the end of their

munity towards the end of an accareers.
Then along came Tony Blair, who said that being an MP was a full-time job, and it was wrong that they had outside interests. It might have sounded a good idea at the time, but we now have a generation of politicians who

a generation of politicians who go straight from the students' union disco to the corridors of power, and think because they

power, and think because they work full-time they are entitled to the same salary as a GP. There was a lot to be said for the days of modestly paid, part-time MPs with a wealth of life experience.

AND now for something completely different. Just when you thought you had seen it all, up pops John Wood who thinks he has spotted a gap in the market

pops John Wood who thinks he has spotted a gap in the market for a dating agency targeted purely at Monty Python fans. Mr Wood, who is 53, has been looking for love ever since his wife left him over his obsession with the comedy series. "Python is such an important and central part of my life which has even shaped the way! see the world, I can't imagine it being the world, I can't imagine it being possible to be in a relationship with someone who doesn't get

with someone who doesn't get Python," he explained.
"I am hoping that, out there somewhere, is a gorgeous 30-something, Python-quoting single lady."
Not asking for much, is he? Talk about life imitating art.
Maybe he will take the lead of Python's Simon Zinc-Trumpet-Harris, and find himself in a fulfilling relationship with 'a very ing relationship with 'a very attractive table lamp', and no doubt the wedding will be spec-

tacular.

Silly walks up the aisle, walking out to the Lumberjack song, and Spam sandwiches at the reception. What more could a girl ask for?

girl ask for?

HAVE you noticed its been getting a bit nippy lately? Could be something to do with the extreme temperatures that have

extreme temperatures that have been sweeping the South Pole. New data reveals that the coldest ever temperature recorded on earth came in August 2010, when it plunged to -135.8 deg F (-94.7C). Then on July, 31, this year, it came close again, dropping to -135.3 deg F (-92.9C).

Clearly, something needs to be done about global warming.







What will Jane bring to Poundland table?

With the opening of Poundland's 500th store, star baker JANE ASHER hopes to change perceptions about

the discount retailer

SHE WAS once the envy of practically every teenage girl in the Western world when she was the girlfriend of former

was the girlfriend of former Beatle Paul McCartney.

Jane Asher, actress, author, baker and for many, an icon of the swinging 60s, was a permanent fixture on the arm of the celebrated music legend, and was expected to be Mrs McCart-ney, having been his muse for five years.

years.
But away from the heady days of psychedelia and yellow submarines, Jane now finds herself out of Pepperland and very much at the forefront of Poundland, having cut the ribbon on Britain's 500th discount store in Birmingham

discount store in Birmingnam.

Since hanging up her acting boots,
Jane has gone on to become renowned as
a baking entrepreneur, with a bakeware
collection due to be launched throughout
the Willenhall-based company's stores up
and down the country, early in the new
vear

and down the country, early in the new year.

It is the firm's first foray into celebrity collaboration, but comes on the back of the ever-increasing popularity of home backing in the UK, which now sees an incredible one in seven Brits baking more than twice a week.

Five years ago, the idea that such a standard bearer for middle-class domesticity would have opened a branch of Poundland would have been laughed at.

Does her endorsement finally mark a watershed moment for the Black Country-based retailer, where nothing costs more than £1? She certainly believes so. The actress, who made her name alongside Michael Caine in Alfie, says she has long been a Poundland says she has long been a Poundland shopper. "I know Poundland, I shop



Baking belle Jane Asher whose appeal may now go beyond the middle classes

there, like most people, towards Christmas, where I will pick up bits and pieces. "Thate that awful expression 'yummy mummies', but my step-daughter who has two children, regularly shops at Poundland."

"The notion that it's just popular with people who have no money, or the downtrodden, is simply not true. Everybody needs to be sensible with their

money, and that it is true across the

money, and that it is true across the social classes."

Poundland chief executive Jim McCarthy points out that 22 per cent of the chain's shoppers come from the higher income groups, known as AB in marketing terms, and says the tough economic climate of the last five years has played a crucial role in bringing the retailer into the mainstream.

The latest expansion programme will see a total of 21 new Poundland stores open over a five-week period, and Mr McCarthy says the company has identified 1,000 more sites with the potential of supporting another Poundland.

The chain was founded in 1990, when former Bilston market traders Keith and Steve Smith opened a pilot store in

former Bilston market traders Keith and Steve Smith opened a pilot store in Burton-upon-Trent. At the time, many landlords were reluctant to grant them a lease, fearing they would undercut all the neighbouring stores.

But after a tentative start, the company has grown into a high street staple, more than doubling the number of stores over the last three years, and employing more than 12,000 people including several hundred at Poundland's head offices and distribution site in Willenhall and its second warehouse site in nearby Bilston.

Agreeing

"We have had five years of recession, and a consequence of that is that people have been looking to make their money go further," says Mr McCarthy.

But given that all the indicators suggest the economy is finally showing signs of life, is there not a risk that people will begin turning away from Poundland, just when all its new stores are coming on-stream? "I don't think so, I think the changes that we have seen will prove sticky. People have become used to saving money, and they are proud that they are saving money."

Even so, Jane does say that lending her name to the new Poundland baking range was not something she did lightly.

She says she was initially approached by a company she works with, which is also a supplier to Poundland, and says she thought long and hard before agreeing to anything.

"I'm very lucky in that I have a name

anything.
"I'm very lucky in that I have a "I'm very lucky in that I nave a name that people trust, and I never stick my name on something unless I either use it regularly, or have designed it myself," she says. "But when I looked into it, I thought it was a really good idea. I feel it's a way of helping people to bake who haven't done so in the past."

THROUGH THE YEARS

THE leader of Wolverhampton Council demanded urgent talks with Wolves owners, saying the club was turning the town into a laughing stock. Councillor John Bird, a Wolves season ticket holder, laid into the club's owners Allied Properties for failing to invest in the team.

STORES throughout the West STORES throughout the West Midlands were racing against time to ensure there would be no festive disappointment as the area went computer crazy. Number one on most children's Christmas lists was the Sinclair Spectrum 48K, which sold for £129.95

TONY Morley, who a year earlier had laid on Peter Withe's winning goal in Aston Villa's Euro-pean Cup triumph, was sold to arch rivals West Bromwich

1993...

A PUB was refusing to accept £50 notes for fear of fraud. The Anchor Inn, at Coven, near Wolverhampton, made the controversial ruling after accepting £50 notes which had turned out to be fake.

ROY Castle was in good form ROY Castle was in good form as he prepared to take to the stage at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre, despite facing a new battle against lung cancer. The 61-year-old said 'the show must go on' ahead of the opening night of Pickwick at the theatre, just three weeks after starting a new course of chemotherapy.

IT WAS an emotional moment for Wolves fans as Hungarian giants Honved returned to Molineux in a game to mark the completion of a £15 million redevelopment of the stadium. Wolves had famously played Honved in pioneering European floodlit clashes during the 1950s.

2003...

CONFUSION reigned about the opening of Britain's first toll motorway. Staffordshire Fire Service and the Road Hauliers' Association both said they believed the M6 Toll route would be prepring an Department of the Confusion of the Service of the Confusion o be opening on December 8, but within minutes of the announce-

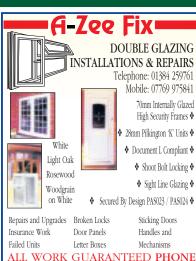
within minutes of the announcement the company which was to operate the road distanced itself from the announcement.
"We have not been given a confirmed opening date," said Andrew Roache, of Midland Expressway, A spokesman for the Central Motorway Police Group said he expected it to be open on December 8 or 9.

DARLASTON'S Mark Rhodes made the final three in the Pop Idol television talent show -singing a Black Country Christmas classic. And his triumph was music to the ears of the man who wrote Slade's Merry Xmas Every-body, Jimmy Lea.

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Saga of the garden waste bin

when green bins were introduced by Dudley Council we declined because at the time my husband made regular trips to the tip. Due to a change of circumstances we now require one, so in July I rang Dudley Council. They were out of stock but would be available in two weeks and to rips argain then

two weeks and to ring again then.
Could I not go on a waiting list I asked as it appeared from the conversa-tion there were a number of people waiting for one. I was told they did not have a facility for that.

Invisible zebra is making me cross

I SIT outside my children's school every morning. I am amazed at the amount of amazed at the amount of drivers who don't know what a zebra crossing is. I watch as countless drivers ignore the pedestrians patiently waiting to cross.

Has the driving test really changed that much that they don't teach what a zebra crossing is anymore?

Maybe drivers think that it is an animal escaped from the local zoo and is just having a lie down in the road so drivers can drive over it at

having a lie down in the road so drivers can drive over it at high speed whilst ignoring all other moving objects.

Or maybe the crossing outside the school is invisible and I have super human powers and am one of the few lucky humans who can see it

see it.

Please people slow down outside schools and take time to look twice at the pavement when approach-ing a pedestrian crossing. One day it might be too late.

M Rankin

Brierley Hill

Five phone calls later, I was told it would be delivered in the next couple of shrubs to be cut down, not to mention weeks. Eight weeks later I emailed the council to see if I could get any joy with that method. I got an email back saying a bin until at least December. The list goes on, even a small garden like ours could fill that method. I got an email back saying a bin until at least December. When I replied to the email to ask if his meant I was now on a waiting list I was told yes but if it didn't arrive to ring again in March! I fully expect to have to strict the whole presses grain part year.

it, the problem is that someone made the idiotic decision not to empty them after October

Lawns still have to be cut later than

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

in time of bedroom tax

ON A recent trip to the USA I saw in one of the stores there a copy of People magazine which was glorifying in the luxury of the new home of Prince William and his bride Kate

Middleton here in the UK.

One of the things they got excited about was that the country mansion they are moving into contains ten, count them, ten bedrooms.

Of course they are not familiar with the term bedroom tax in the USA, and not having to pay for the royal family, they can afford to ignore the irony of this situation.

Meanwhile, hundreds – possibly thousands – of working class people here are being penalised for having a spare room in their modest properties whilst still being expected to fund the royal freeloaders to the tune of millions of pounds.

pounds.

Until any government addresses this issue, they will not get my support or vote because I think spending money on the so-called royal family is the most scandalous waste of money and has done more than anything to bring the

Shock at new home for royal 'freeloaders'

POST

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Middleton here in the UK

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to the Editor

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start the whole process again next year.

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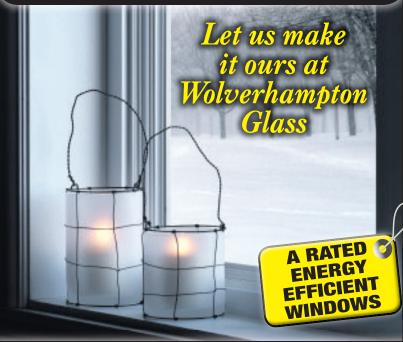
fair share of your tax

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CLUB NEWS

History of Whey to go with talk cinema a reel treat from cheese expert

BLACKHEATH MORNING TWG

THE meeting on November 27 was opened by chairman Doreen Armstrong, who welcomed members and visitors together with the day's speaker John Smith.

speaker John Smith.
Monthly reports were
given by treasurer Beryl
Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmere and
Press officer Iris Harris.
Doreen also gave details
of the Christmas meeting
and park.

of the Christmas meeting and party.

At the end of business Doreen introduced the speaker, whose talk was "The Wonderful World of

The group was told that

The group was told that moving pictures "The Movies" were first put into practice by two French brothers way back in February 1896 but it was two years later before they came across the Channel.

When they came to England there were no cinemas as such, the films were usually shown in various local halls. The well-known Pat Collins began to bring movies to the Midleadis in 1898. One of the earliest cinemas to be built earliest cinemas to be built was The Electric in Birm-

ingham.

John then proceeded to entertain the group with music memorable movies he was sure they would all remember.

remember.
Beryl gave the vote of thanks. The meeting was closed at noon and the ladies enjoyed their refreshments before leaving for home.



SOROPTIMISTS

A WARM welcome was given by President Parkash, who in by President Parkash, who in-troduced after-dinner speaker Lavinia Newell, a local cheese-maker and national judge of cheese-making competitions. It was a fascinating and interesting talk on the history

interesting talk on the history and various manufacturing methods of cheese production. President Parkash reported she had been to the 70th anniversary dinner of the group's 'daughter club' in Bilston and had attended Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the club. behalf of the club.

Lure of lakes in the frame

AT THE November meeting, the club welcomed David Burton Pye MBE.

He had worked for South Staffordshire District Council but is now retired. His subject was the magic of the mountains and the lure of the lakes.

He had studied the Wein.

He had studied the Wainwright guides and has returned again and again to the Lake District to photo-graph the wonderful scenery THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIET KINGSWINFORD BRANCH

the key to photographs such as wonderful sunsets and dramatic effects with light was simply being in the right place at the right time. The views are all preserved on slides and were much enjoyed by members. The first meeting of the

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Smell led the police to cache of cannabis plants

Forget Me Not tree appeal



Fundraising manager Jenni Fryer launching this year's Forget Me Not tree

PEOPLE can remember their loved ones and help raise funds for charity by sponsoring a light on a charity's tree of light

The Forget Me Not tree at Beacon Centre for the Blind, Sedgley, is sparkling with hundreds of lights after the official dedication ceremony and carol service last week. But it's not too late for people to sponsor a light on the tree as a tribute to somebody they have lost.

The minimum donation is £5 and The minimum donation is £5 and they can have their loved one's name added to a book of remembrance and a light added to the tree in Wolverhampton Road East.

Beacon Centre's Jo Field said they would be accepting donations towards the tree until Christmas Eve.

Call her on 01902 880111 or email jfield@beacon4blind.co.uk details.

growing room was caught out when his neighbours started to

smell the drug.

Haze Williams initially blamed the stench on a small bag of the drug he had in his home but when the police searched the property they discovered the cannabis growing in his

they discovered the cammans growing. —back room.

Ms Rhiannon Jones, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that the police visited William's home on Vicarage Road, Kingswinford, on Saturday, September 14, after a neighbour reported the strong smell of cannabis. The officers discovered 15 mature plants.

Worth

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Worth

Ms Jones told the court that these were large plants and with an estimated annual yield of 45 grams of cannabis per plant, so in all they would be worth £6,550.

She told the court that the Crown Prosecution Service accepts that he was producing the drug for his own personal use.

Williams, aged 39 had pleaded guilty to being concerned in the production of cannabis at a previous hearing.

He was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison suspended for 12 months and ordered to complete 100 hours of unpaid work and pay £420.

Zip to park

THERE'S one through the peaks of Snowdonia, across a Thai jungle and over the pine trees of Alaska. Now a Black Country park will be joining the many attractions that have an adrenaline-pumping zipwire. The equipment is set to be installed at Langley Park in Oldbury before the end of this year. The Friends of Langley Park have been raising money for the 80ft zip wire and its efforts were given a boost by £600 donation from chemical company Solvay from chemical company Solvay

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Chancellor takes steps to help the High Street

week delivered his Autumn Statement to the Commons which sets out the next steps in the Governlong-term ment's economic plan.

economic plan.

I warmly welcome the measures in the Autumn Statement that will help hard working people in Dudley and the Black Country—the jobs tax on all young people under 21 abolished, real help for the high street, energy bills down, fuel duty frozen, and rail fare increases frozen. fare increases frozen.

fare increases frozen.
This is all welcome support but, as the Chancellor said, the job is not done.
We are only able to help hard working people because we have taken difficult decisions to control spending.
We are building a responsible recovery and our plan is working but we need to keep going.

keep going.

keep going.

I also very much welcome additional measures to boost jobs and growth locally.

The Autumn Statement package of measures includes a business rate discount of up to £1,000 for retail premises, including shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants, as help for the high street. high street.

Measures announced

business rate

ncreases.
■ £1,000 off business rate

Conservative MP Chris local representatives the chance to air their

Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our



'I warmly welcome the measures in the Autumn Statement that will help hard working people in Dudley and the Black Country'

bills for all retail premises with a rateable value up to £50,000 for 2014/15 and 2015/16. This includes shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

■ A new reoccupation relief, which will halve the rates bills of businesses taking over premises empty for over a year.

■ The doubling of Small Business Rate Relief is being extended to April 2015 and expanded.

Ahead of the Autumn Anead of the Autumn Statement I wanted the Government to listen to calls from local businesses and they have. That's why this help for the high street is such good news.

Ten thousand businesses in the Dudley borough will benefit from the overall

package of support — especially the shops, pubs, and cafes on our high streets.

High street businesses are an important part of local life

an important part of local life.

We are backing local busi-nesses all the way. With Small Business Saturday (#SmallBizSatUK) last Sat-(#SmallBizSatUK) last Saturday Conservatives are giving businesses in Dudley and the Black Country the help they need to grow and create jobs.

For more information on how this Autumn Statement helps you and your family visit www.yourautumn statement.com.

I enjoyed visiting www.petfordtools.co.uk on Peartree Lane in Netherton - a business I mentioned at a recent Prime Minister's

Question time and which I last visited in 2010 -www.tdr-transport.com also www.tdr-transport.com also on Peartree Lane and New Bradley Hall Care Home in Kingswinford. I held a busy constituency advice surgery at Kingswinford Community Centre and also really enjoyed the Dudley South Conservatives Christmas party at Kingswinford Conservative Club.

For #SmallBizSatUK I For #SmallBizSatUK I visited several independent small shops in Dudley South including www.bridesrevisited.co.uk in Wall Heath where I met with bridal boutique proprietor Natalie Neale to discuss measures in the Autumn Statement to help small businesses such as discounted business rates.

I also visited Aston's I also visited Aston's family butchers, Davis's Family Bakery, Tie the Knot, Mary Stevens Hospice Shop, Compton Hospice Shop and Helping Hands community shop (I am now well stocked with books and CDs!).

I also called into Wordsley Community Centre's Christmas fayre to draw the programme raffle and also hand delivered some more of my Christmas cards to local residents with members and

residents with members and supporters.

■ Chris Kelly can be contacted by calling 01384 211 041, office@chriskelly.mp or House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

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Infectious laugher, happy moments and enjoying 'me' time - meet denture implant couple John and Gillian.

Love is sharing smiles, a second chance of romance and two . . .

LOVE is a second chance of romance, embracing life and sharing smiles – lots of them. For retired couple Gillian and John, sharing time together, enjoying holidays, meals out and trips to the

holidays, meals out and trips to the theatre, life has opened an unexpected new chapter of happiness after they both lost their partners.

Their laughter is infectious and their zest for life inspirational. The widow and widower, both young 70-somethings, met at a mutual friend's golden wedding party and the rest, as they say, is history. But John didn't only discover a new soul mate, he also found a new patient for denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng).

Principal of the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, Steven says: "They're such refreshing company and I am thrilled they are so happy together. "But I'm also pleased we were able to

resolve a long-standing lower denture

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John recalls he was first to attend the Denture Clinic after spending nearly four years "perusing stories in the papers" about Steven's work.

Like many denture wearers ne nad encountered stabilisation problems with his lower denture as gums receded with the normal ageing process. knew I had to get something done because when I was driving my lower teeth could dance up and down," says John.

Crunchy salads

Steven referred him to dental implantologist Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the denturist has along-standing professional relationship.

"I decided to go for an implant-retained over-

denture which clips on to two fixings. I would never let anything stop me from enjoying a meal out before I had the implants, but things are great now. I can have steak, eat crunchy salads and feel

free to have anything off the menu,"

Gillian had endured a similar stabilisation problem for two years and was persuaded by John to see Steven because her dentures "were always loose.'

Again an implant-retained over-denture was prescribed and Mr Pugh also rebuilt Gillian's upper front teeth with crowns. The results are obvious: Natural looking, functional teeth and an

engaging smile.

"Previous dental treatment could never resolve my problems. If I ate out I'd have to order soft options, but I put up with it," says Gillian.

"We laugh a lot, smile a lot and enjoy life. This is my 'me' time," she adds.

And what of their experience at the Denture

Clinic? "Steven is like family to us," says John.
Steven added: "By using implant retained over

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Lord Hodgson with sixth form pupils at Ellowes Hall Sports College, Lower Gornal, where he spoke about his day-to-day role in the House of Lords

Peer mentor gives students insight on work of the Lords

behind the scenes of the House of Lords by a visiting dignitary

during a school talk.

Lord Hodgson came to speak to sixth form students from Ellowes Hall Sports College, in Lower Gornal, Dudley, last month.

Dudley, last month.
They were taken through life at the Palace of Westminster and in particular through the day-to-day role of a peer in the upper house.
Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts CBE, began a Conservative peer in 2000 and takes part in the Lord Speak-

ers Outreach Programme and Peers in Schools scheme. Both were established to help demystify the work of the House of Lords and the role it plays in the legislative process.

Discussion

Members, whose backgrounds include careers as academics, former teachers, scientists, lawyers, former cabinet ministers and civil servants, have visited almost 1,000 schools since it launched in 2007.

Lord Hodgen spent an hour with

Lord Hodgson spent an hour with the teenagers, all part of year 12 at the Stickley Lane school, to also led a dis-

cussion on issues currently being dis-cussed in the Lords.This included the controversial HS2 rail link and assisted suicide. Students were invited

assisted succes. Students were invited to share their own views. Head of sixth form, Adam White, said Lord Hodgson was an engaging speaker and helped the students understand the role of the House of Lorde better. understand the role of the House of Lords better.
"Young people are a little disillu-sioned these days with politics so that is why events like this are good," he

said.
"I think the kids learned a lot as he was a very good speaker.

COUNCIL chiefs in Dudley

COUNCIL chiefs in Dudley have reinforced their commitment to Fairtrade.

Dudley Council first passed a resolution in July 2007 to support Fairtrade. This helped Stourbridge to become a Fairtrade town in 2010. It has now pledged to increase sales of the products and is striving to achieve Fairtrade status for the borough.

Councillor Pete Lowe, deputy leader, said: "Supporting Fairtrade is a way of expressing our civic pride,

expressing our civic pride, supporting our local shops and traders and can make a real difference to the lives of producers around the world.

Views shared on **future of services** at risk from cuts

MORE than 1.000 residents have taken part in a consultation over pleas to protect vital council-run services in the wake of multi-

Officials on Dudley Council have to find

They had already drawn up budget proposals to axe around £25 million but were dropped a bombshell when officials from Whitehall cut Government

funding grants back even

tunding grants back even harder.

The authority became the latest across the Midlands to announce plans to make multi-million worth of covings.

savings.
Dudley Council already
has to claw back £2.3m from

children's services budgets. They had proposed to shut seven children's centre until they were forced into a u-turn after the wake of public condemnation last month.

Arts

But the axe has fallen on

But the axe has fallen on other services including arts funding and there will be increased charges at town centre car parks.

A total of £270,000 will be cut from the maintenance of parks, open spaces and verges and there will also be cutbacks in road and footpath maintenance. It is feared more than 334 jobs could be axed by 2017.

Since its launch last month the Big Question 2014-15 consultation has already attracted nearly 1,400 responses from local people keen to have their views heard.

More than 1,600 people

views heard.

More than 1,600 people have signed up to the e-bulletins which were launched as part of last year's Big Question consultation on the budget.

Sign up to the e-bulletins by emailing your postcode to community.council@dudley.

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Dudley Council's finance
boss, Councillor Pete Lowe,
said he was pleased so many
residents had already taken
part in the consultation.
He said: "The e-bulletin
has transformed our ability
to consult with borough residents free of charge and

idents free of charge and increased the numbers of people we can engage with." Take part in the Big Ques-tion consultation for

www.dudley.gov.uk or pick up a form from Dudley Council Plus or your local library.



million pound spending cuts. **Songs for Samaritans**



Musicians Becky Pickin and Andy Miles, who go under the name Grande Valise, show their charity CD to David Chambers, centre, chairman of Brierley Hill Samaritans

FROM drums to the keyboard and guitar to the violin there is no need for a backing band for one music-loving couple, who have released their first album using only the sounds they have created.

sounds they have created.

Becky Pickin and Andy Miles, who play 10 instruments between them, have launched the album Minnewater under the name Grande Valise to raise money for the Samaritans branch in Brierley Hill.

The album was inspired by 1960s pop music as well as the couple's visits to Belgium. So far, they have sold around 70 albums, raising more than £500 for charity, with 150 still available from grandewilse or his

available from grandevalise.co.uk

Miss Pickin, 31, from Pensnett, chose the Samaritans after noticing the work they do while working for Dudley Council for Voluntary Service. Im Miles, aged 30, from Willenhall, works as an assistant at Wolverhampton Library.

Rural roads warning MOTORISTS have been reminded to take extra care on rural roads because of the dangers of mud on the highway as farmers continue working in the fields. The Safer Roads Partnership with West Mercia Police are advising repoile to take Anna Higgings, spokesman for the S

Mercia Police are advising people to take extra care where there is mud on the roads and to be aware of agricultural vehicles emerging from fields.

Agriculture is one of the area's key industries and the combination of harvesting a wide variety of crops at this time of year and the change in the weather can lead to mud

Anna Higgins, spokesman for the Safer Roads Partnership, said: "We're advising all motorists to take extra care on rural roads during the late harvest season."

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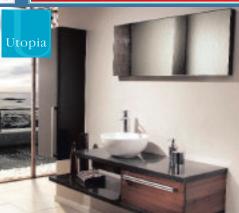




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NEWS

Teacher with a passion for history dies in car crash

POPULAR teacher and historian Graham Hodgson dreamed of setting up home in Cyprus with his wife Paula.

his wife Paula.

Since his retirement three years ago, the couple, from Greenbank Gardens, Wordsley, had jetted out for extended stays on the Mediterranean island where they joined volunteers from a church and university working in northern Cyprus. They supported and encouraged international students living there.

But all of the couple's dreams have been shattered by tragedy after 58-year-old Mr Hodgson was killed in a car crash.

He died when the car he was driving was

He died when the car he was driving was struck from behind.

Investigating

His family paid tribute, describing him as a 'true character' of great integrity who would do anything to help anyone.

Mr Hodgson had been helping his neighbour to pick up his son from Larnaca airport and bring them both home to Iskele when the accident happened on November 27.

Police are investigating the cause of the collision as his devastated loved ones battle to come to terms with his untimely death.

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devastated loved ones battle to come to terms with his untimely death.
Youngest daughter Lorna said: "We are all still in shock but we can take confort in our faith and we are going to celebrate his life as reward for all his hard work on Earth."
Mr Hodgson had moved with his family as a boy from Wallasey, Merseyside, to the Black Country.
His fascination with history and, in particular the First and Second World Wars, led him to pursue a teaching career.
Mr Hodgson met his wife-to-be Paula while she was working at Dudley Leisure Centre. They married on October 23, 1982 at St Andrew's Church, Wall Heath.
As a treat on reaching their 30th anniversary in 2012 they went paragliding over the Cypriot mountains.
Mr Hodgson spent much of his life investing in his local community and bringing the rich heritage of the area to life.
He taught in primary schools in Dudley borough for 33 years, more than 20 of which were spent at Netherbrook Primary School in Netherton. He was a keen historian and was well known for leading a campaign to get the name of soldier executed by firing squad put on a memorial.

Private Joseph Bateman was executed for desertion by in



Paula Hodgson with husband Graham, who died in an accident on Cyprus

on with husband Graham, who died in an accident on Cyprus
1917 and his name had never been placed on Wordsley's war
memorial. But, thanks to Mr Hodgson's persistence, and
documenting of his life, the private's name was inscribed.
He was able to show the dedication to Pte Bateman's granddaughter Judith Lampitt in the grounds of Holy Trinity
Church in High Street.

Mr Hodgson put pen to paper and wrote a novel based on
Pte Bateman and bringing justice to his name, which his
family hope to one day have published in his honour.

"He was so passionate about history and he spent years
working on Private Bateman as it really struck a chord with
him," said Lorna. "He was a gentleman. A humble man of
great integrity who would do anything for anybody."

She said that while in Cyprus, he assisted students with
their English while his wife would teach them to swim.
"Both retired teachers, they had ambitions of making a permanent move to the country, where they had made many,
many friends," she said.

They have three children – Emma, 29, Ben, 27 and Lorna,
25 – who joined their mother in Cyprus after the accident.

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Mr Hodgson's funeral will be held today, Thursday, at Calvary Church, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, where he had been a member of the congregation for more than 15 years. It will be held at 2pm.

Shields of honour for school



Vilma Griffin, organiser for Quarry Bank Royal British Legion, presents shields to Elli Weston and Shaylee Hadlington

SCHOOLCHILDREN have been presented with memorial shields after raising more than other schools in their area towards the

annual poppy appeal.

Members of Quarry Bank Royal
British Legion club presented the
Daniel Probyn Memorial Shield to

Primary School.

They had managed to raise £295.80 from their November efforts.

The children were given a shield to keep and the school's name was also

engraved on a larger shield, which they will keep for a year. The trophy is in honour of 22-year-old solder Daniel Probyn who died in

Afghanistan.

Afghanistan.

Tipton-born guardsman Daniel was killed in an explosion in Garmsir, Helmand Province in 2007.

Fundraiser Gloria Donavan, from Quarry Bank Royal British Legion, congratulated the pupils on their achievement. "It is fantastic, £295 is a lot of money for a school to raise," she said. "They raised the most out of nine schools in the area." schools in the area.

The children raised the money by selling poppies and holding a fair.
The runner-up was Withymoor Primary School.
The branch has raised £25,584 to

The branch has raised £20,854 to date from its poppy appeal.
"People have been very generous.
We are very pleased to have raised so much," added Mrs Donavan.
Among the activities held by the branch was atombola at Asda Brierley Hill in October.
Members were joined by deputy

Members were joined by deputy mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret

Aston to sell poppies and tickets.





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Time for a double take as celebrity lookalikes wed



Martin Jordan as Gordon Ramsay, Ricky Gervais lookalike Tim Oliver, Rose Cook as Debbie Harry, Simon Cowell lookalike Andy Monk and Andy Harmer as David Beckham, all dressed up at the wedding of Rose and Andy

IT WAS the celebrity wedding of the year. Simon Cowell marrying his bride Debbie Harry in front of David Beckham, Gordon Ramsay working as extras.

Note that the submitted Debbie working as extras.

Both Tegulars on the lookalikes seene, Rose and Andy first met on the set of BBC TV show Doctors when working as extras.

Rose, aged 43, said her new husband and Ricky Gervais... well,

Look a little closer and all is not as it

Look a little closer and all is not as it seems – this was a love match between a pair of celebrity lookalikes. Cowell doppelgänger Andy Monk wed Debbie Harry double Rose Cook at The Station Hotel in Dudley. The nup tials caused staff, guests and passers-

set of BBC IV snow Doctors when working as extras.
Rose, aged 43, said her new husband is nothing like his lookalike, who is known as TV's Mr Nasty for his straight-talking on Britain's Got Talent and X Factor. "Andy is a really kind-hearted and loving man," she said.

said.

"All our friends can see how much we love each other.

"It was love at first sight to be

p at the wedding of Rose and Andy honest. He gave me his business card when we met on the set of Doctors and I just couldn't stop thinking about him. "Then I saw him as a lookalike on Britain's Got Talent and I thought 'oh my God it's him."

Rose, who has been performing as a Blondie tribute act for 20 years, said: "When we got chatting I just thought what a lovely man."

The pair wed in front of a crowd of celebrity lookalike friends who they met over the years. Among them was a Taylor Swift lookalike, doubles of footballer David Beckham and comic Ricky Gervais.

Talks being held on cuts facing performing arts

TALKS are taking place over the future of a performing arts service in Dudley amid moves to cut £178,000

Trom its budget.

Dudley Council is restructuring Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) service, which runs music and dance concerts and classes for youngsters across the borough.

Festivals

The latest cuts follow a reduction in funding for the service in 2011, which saw it forced to cancel two major music festivals, which used to attract up to 5,000 people each. The council is facing having to make overall cuts of around £60 million over the next three years.

Dudley Performing Arts staff had been warned about the possibility of redundancy and council bosses confirmed that one of the two workers had lost their job.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "We have now completed an employee consul-tation around Dudley Performing Arts in relation to management costs and unfortunately we have to lose one post

agement costs and unfortunately we have to lose one post subject to a redundancy process.

"A mutual leaving date has been agreed with the member of staff concerned we wish them all the best for the future."

"We are now working hard with the management and DPA team to ensure a solid future for the service and for the children of Dudley."

He said the council remained 'fully committed' to performing arts in the borough and the 'important part that can play in young people's education'.

DPA organises an annual summer festival held in Dudley town centre each July as well as spring and winter festivals held at venues across the borough.

Students raise funds for cancer charity



Dudley students are pictured outside the HQ of their new adopted charity, Dudley's White House Cancer Support

CHARITY begins at college for stu-dents who are dreaming up fundrais-ing ideas to boost their adopted charity. Members of Dudley College stu-dents' union have picked a charity on

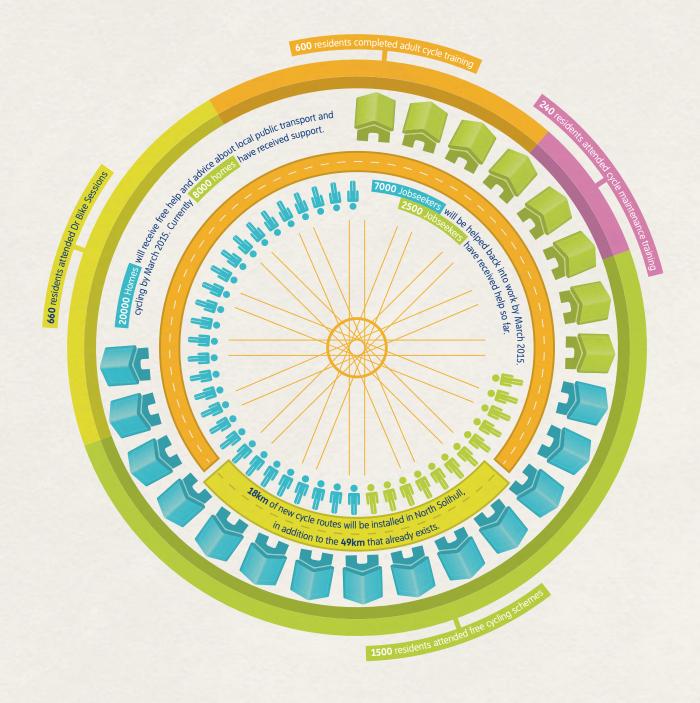
their doorstep to help during the next 12 months. They selected Dudley's White House Cancer Support to be

charity headquarters in Ednam Road, Dudley, for the launch of the link-up and were ready to get started with a their charity partner. host of fundraising activities to boost More than 40 students arrived at the charity coffers.



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Christmas shopping? It's just child's play

NOW let's be honest, the real joy of Christmas is seeing the kids' adjustable strap is ideal to attach to faces light up when they open their presents.

There are so many good choices these days from the good old-fash-floating family changes colour in warm floating family changes colour in warm

There are so many good choices these days, from the good old-fash-ioned story book to all the hi-tech toys on offer. But if you are looking for some-thing for the younger ones why not go bright and cheerful with the cute appeal, guaranteed to win you a big aaahhh!





These are some of the ideas from Kiddicare, ideal if you don't want to venture too far away as they have a store at the Merry Hill centre, Brierley Hill or you can

floating family changes colour in warm water.

water.

So cute are the Kiddicare Musical Light-Up Owl, RRP £12.99, from birth. This gorgeous owl is soft to the touch and enchanting to listen to as it plays the classic Brahm's Iullaby, and the Sunny Safari Activity Elephant, RRP £12.99, both suitable from birth.

|And for something again from birth there is the Sunny Safari Aumbo Playmat, RRP £29.99. This extra large playmat including textures, colours and

playmat including textures, colours and activities for sensory development



Rocking zebra will help improve your tot's balance

your baby to roll around on or share with

Merry Hill centre, Brierley Hill or you can go online (www.kiddicare.com).

And if you don't want to break the bank there are plenty of stocking fillers con offer such as a cute electronic keyboard with colourful keys to trigger different notes, the Buzzing Brains My First Plano, RRP 53.19, for 12 months plus. To help your tot's balance and leg muscles go for the Sunny Safari Rocking Prins Light and Sounds Mini Drive, Zebra, RRP 53.99, 18 months plus. For the older ones who like to pretend with light up mirror and realistic horn,

Brains Deluxe Big Kitchen, RRP £149.99, three years plus. This life-like play set includes refrigerator, freezer, oven, and microwave with interactive knobs and taps that turn and click.

In the same age group is The Buzzing Brains Doll House, RRP £49.99, which comes complete with furniture and family figures. comes complete with furniture and family figures.

And to add some music there is the



Doll's house comes complete with furniture and family figures

Buzzing Brains Rock Star Keyboard and Stool, RRP £29.99, three years plus. This keyboard boasts light-up keys and songs, as well as the record and play back functionality.

Lots of nice things – no doubt they will give parents a lot of fun too!



Buzzing Brains Rock Star Keyboard & Stool, RRP £29.99, It has light-up keys and record and playback

Recipes for success from kitchen heroes

NOT content with sorting out the nation's fashion disasters Gok Wan is now promoting healthy Asian cuisine with his new book Gok's Wok (Ebury, hardback, £20).

hardback, £20).

There are more than 80 recipes and the emphasis is on fast and fresh dishes, ranging from the classic Thai Green Curry to zingy Vietnamese salads Sticky Chinese Duck Buns.

TV cook Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall says he enjoys Allegra McEvedy's cooking because "like her, it's bold and brassy." I can see what he means because in her chunky family cookbook Big Table Busy Kitchen (Quercus, hardback, £25) Table Busy Kitchen (Quercus, hardback, £25) there is something friendly, almost mumsy, about her hearty style of cuisine and conversational approach.

Cakes

The co-founder of the Leon real food chain who is also a patron of the Fair-trade Foundation, has produced a solid set of some 200 recipes from childhood favourites to hangover cure.

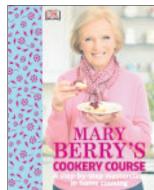
There's more to Mary

There's more to Mary Berry than cakes as she shows with Mary Berry's Cookery Course (DK, hardback, £25) in which the celebrated cake maker offers help to novice cooks and those who want to improve their skills with a series of classic dishes that illustrate various techniques required by a compenious company. illustrate various techniques required by a competent home cook.

Lizzie Kamenetzy's **The**



Healthy Asian recipes in Gok's Wok



Learn with Mary Berry's Cookery Course

Great British Bake Off Winter Kitchen (BBC Books, hardback, £20) is described as being produced by the Great British Bake Off team – though I can't detect direct involvement by Paul Hollywood or Mary Berry. But it does contain 130 recipes to help keep out the chill on long cold nights

the chill on long cold nights and short damp grey days. These range from hearty roasts and stews to sticky puddings and mince pies. His mentor Raymond Blanc says Devon-born Michael Caines is one of the most inspired chefs of his generation.

whilst some chefs have a higher profile than Caines, who remains very much 'hands-on' at his restau-rants, some of the gimmick merchants could learn from his personal commitment to

excellence. Judging by the dishes in Michael Caines At Home (Preface, hard-back, £25) he looks for high standards in the home kitchen too. These 100 recipes are for more confident cooks but

more confident cooks but, for those who feel up to it, Caines' book will help take them to the next level.

them to the next level.

From cake pops to
wedding cakes, Karen Sullivan introduces the world of
sugarcraft with her StepBy-Step Cake Decorating (DK, hardback,
£16.99).

She covers the necessary
tools and equipment, key
ingredients and techniques,
before introducing a series
of projects.

of projects.
Caroline Bretherton's
The Family Kitchen
Cookbook (DK, hardback, £25) is the sort of

recipe book that could become a kitchen Bible. I can see it in ten years time, propped up and well-thumbed, looking slightly battered with a few stains and lots of scribbled notes inside, having inspired hundreds of family meals.

It is a weighty tome but it stuffed with more than 700 straightforward recipes to suit a range of tastes. It includes dedicated sections on food for fussy eaters, for very young children, celebrations, plus cakes, bakes and puds, and much more. It is superbly illustrated

throughout and also includes nutritional information. If looking for a general, covers everything cookbook, this is the one.

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Billy Wright leads England out for the match against Hungary in 1953, at Wembley



Wright and Ferenc Puskas hand





The programme from the historic 1953 match which has been signed by all the players and officials

Historic match memento is a £10k bonus for Tony

collector - an old football programme signed by the England

team and now valued at £10,000. Football author and historian Tony Matthews hit the jackpot more than 30 years ago when his wife Margaret bought a job lot of old programmes from someone who just wanted to clear out his garage.

from someone who just wanted to clear out his garage.

It turned out that the match programme for a 1953 clash between England and Hungary was worth many times the rest of the batch combined.

times the rest of the batch combined. Hungary, then the world's number one ranked international side and on an unbeaten run stretching 24 games, won 6-3 in front of a Wembley crowd of 105,000. Former West Bromwich Albion historian Mr Matthews, who worked for the club for 30 years, remembers little of the time that Magnaret paid for the programmes, other Margaret paid for the programmes, other than that there were 4,000 of them in a garage in Evesham and it took three trips to get them all.

by Daniel Wainwright

The couple used to live in Kinver and Wall Heath but have since moved to Spain. Wall Heath but have since moved to Spain.
All of the Hungarian side had signed
the programme as had most of the
England team.
Mr Matthews made arrangements to

visit the others whose names were missing whenever West Brom had an

missing whenever West Brom had an away match in their area.
Most of the players, apart from Jackie Sewell, Sir Tom Finney and Jeno Buzansky have since died.

Mr Matthews, aged 70, said: "At the time I was collecting programmes, trying to reach the milestone of one million. I used to advertise locally asking for any football programmes. The most I bought in one go was 40,000."

As a collector Mr Matthews got to know the values of various 'big match' programmes, particularly the ones with autographs. He said: "Regarding the England-Hungary production, I had various valuations done, by serious col-

lectors up and down the UK, and the initial price given was £4,000. Later it was valued at £5,000 when it was 50 years old in 2003. One person in north Wales wanted to buy it there and then. "I went on to the Antiques Roadshow in 2008 and this time it was valued, there and there, at around the £6,000 mark, but since then more players have sadly died and therefore the price has increased and now it is insured for £10,000."

Mr Matthews, who lives in the Cabrera

Mr Matthews, who lives in the Cabrera omnatians in Spain, said he intends to sell the programme once his wife agrees. The programme is never sent anywhere and is kept under lock and key. Last year Mr Matthews learned that he was the world's biggest-selling author of football books with 123 published. His books include West Bromwich Albion: The Complete Record and England Who's Who: 140 Years Of English International Footballers.

He has two more currently being com-

He has two more currently being compiled and three in the pipeline for 2015.





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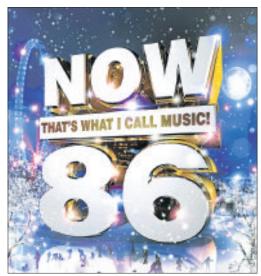






REVIEWS

Now that's what I call a 30th pop anniversary!





Today's pop stars, Katy Perry, above left, goes for a demure girl next door look while Lady Gaga, right, prefers a scary doll/zombie Barbie look



changed, from New Edition to 1D, from vinyl and cassette via CD to MP3, but the New series of the New but the Now series of compilation albums just go on and on.

albums just go on and on.

This series officially called Now That's What I Call Music! has celebrated 30 years and reached its 86th edition. The format has remained much the same, a jukebox – youngsters, ask your nan – worth of the latest pop hits packed into one package.

Rock fans may sneer that Now compilations are mere throwaway music, an audio Big Mac compared with the more sustaining fare of the serious artist. But that's the point, this is casual consumer

that's the point, this is casual consumer pop, packed with quick fixes of fun sounds to, for example, make a boring

sounds to, for example, make a boring commute pass more quickly – and there's nothing wrong with that provided an alternative is available. The first Now featured Culture Club, Phil Collins, Rod Stewart and UB40. Pop has hit back with a vengeance judging by a Now 86 line-up including Katy Perry, One Direction, Jessie J. Lady Gaga, will.i.am, The Wanted, Lily Allen, and James Arthur. Of course, you can also turn to specialist Now releases. There is Now That's What I Call Club Hits which, given the influence of dance music on

given the influence of dance music on pop, is similar to the mainstream series as it features Avicii, Jason Derulo, Robin Thicke, Naughty Boy, Rita Ora,

essie J, and Lady Gaga.

Now That's What I Call Disney

you can think of from Disney movies and Now That's What I Call Christ mas has 63 festive tunes to soundtrack the big day from turkey stuffing to port-induced headache.

induced headache.

Another good current compilation is the 3-CD 50-track BBC Top Gear Driving Anthems, a nice balance of stadium and indie style rock ranging from Oasis and Stereophonics to Worcestershire's up-and-coming Peace and Bombay Bicycle Club.

Christmas is the traditional time to hear from Cliff Richard and the original Brittons sucerstar (if you don't count.

Britpop superstar (if you don't count Tommy Steele) is back again but minus mistletoe and wine. Cliff has gone to his 1950s roots on his 100th album The Fabulous Rock 'n' Roll Songbook. It includes his new song Fabulous which sounds rather like Elvis Presley's

which sounds rather like Elvis Presley's Teddy Bear, which Cliff also covers. The King himself is represented by The Nation's Favourite Elvis Songs album, as chosen on TV.

As for today, Katy Perry roars back into contention as a top pop princess with album Prism including her hit Roar But Lady Gaga seems to lose the plot with Artpop. She has taken her eye off the (Monster) ball with this lack-lustre offering of so-so disco with a smattering of rap. There is a bit of shock but very little awe. If she spent as much time on the music as the outlandish outflist hen maybe it would not be such outfits then maybe it would not be such a disappointment. LB

Kate serves festive feast

IF the angelic tones of Kate Rusby and her Christmas show don't get you in the festive mood then you have probably never experienced the magic of the season.

enced the magic of the season.

Curly haired as ever and with a voice that seemed a little more gravelly than usual she opened with the first of three versions of While Shepherds Watch, Cranbrook which is sung to On Ilkley Moor.

Sounding a little like a headmistress giving an address at a school assembly she gave the gathered fans the background to the songs which would make up the night's set. It was a night of carols, Christmas ditties and wasailing songs all done with Rusby's gentle and friendly manner which is so endearing and her lovely voice gives a certain magic to the festive sounds.

magic to the festive sounds.



Between the songs Rusby gave a vivid picture of growing up in Yorkshire and the homely traditions she wants to preserve. wants to preserve.

She moved into Hark
Hark What News? then
picked up her guitar for
Home before singing the traditional Holly and Ivy.

The singer then moved
away from the well-known
carols for Kris Kringle
before sending everyone out
feeling festive with We Wish
You A Merry Christmas.

Danny Farragher

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The Old Dance School, Glee Club, Birmingham THE Old Dance School came home for this rescheduled gig

at the Glee Club from what has been an extensive tour.

TODS is one of those bands in the vein of Bellowhead

TODS is one of those bands in the vein of Bellowhead which have their feet firmly in the folk tradition but have expanded into the fusion strand introducing other elements of music into their sound.

They opened with a slow air, the Enlli Light from their album, Chasing The Light. This gave way to a Dick Gaughan song about Irish migration, a soft ballad which had a funky opening from Aaron Diaz on trumpet.

They ran through quite a medley of album tracks one of which was The Taxidermist, from Porecast. It was another of those long instrumentals which TODS does so well. Also from that album was Strange Highway which has a bluestyle opener with Robin Beatty providing the singing for the soft ballad.

As in so many of their songs Helen Lancaster and fellow

As in so many of their songs Helen Lancaster and fellow fiddle player Samantha Norman were superb, with Norman gliding along with serpentine movements as she played. **DF**

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Martyn Joseph
Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
MARTYN Joseph performs like he came out of the womb
holding a guitar.
Without any fuss he not only did his own set, but became
his own support as the scheduled act had to drop out.
One of his opening songs Beyond Us from Songs for the
Coming Home album was a much gutsier sounding version
than the recording. It would be unusual to find a Welsh folk
singer who didn't include at least one song about mining
and Joseph brought out Dic Penderyn (The Ballad of
Richard Lewis) which is the story of a miner and activist
who was hung. who was hung.

who was nung.

His strong voice and precise picking produced a great ballad in All This Time which was given a nice flourish at the end with The Beatles Here Comes the Sun.

Joseph moved into a bluesier number, Everything Is Grace, which is somewhat of a favourite with his fans. Throughout the whole set his passion and enthusiasm, and a certain spirituality, was evident in every song. **DF**

Show talent solo and trio

Solo and trio

Show of Hands
Wulfrun Hall, Wton.
SHOW of Hands fans got a
double treat at the Wulfrun
as the trio provided their
own support with Steve
Knightley, Miranda Sykes
and Phil Beer each doing a
solo spot as warm up acts.
Knightley, who opened,
was fighting a chest infection which meant he occasionally struggled with his
singing but he battled on.
Company Town was his
first offering moving into
Hook of Love and, for his
final offering, he did an A
Capella version of Low

final offering, he did an A Capella version of Low Down in the Broom. Beer's set was Weathercock, Cocaine Blues and a bluegrass number, Devil's Right Hand. Then on came Miranda Sykes whose songs included the Window Box and the eeriely moving My Sister the Moon.

As a trio for the second

As a trio for the second half they pulled out the haunting Crows on the Cradle with Beer on mandolin and Knightley on bouzouki.

Knightley then sang about the ship which ran aground, The Napoli. The highlight was the trio's

version of Katrina which was an evocative song with Sykes on double bass and simple but effective lighting.

Capercaillie
Town Hall, Birmingham
FOR 30 years Capercaillie
have been bringing the
haunting sound of The
Highlands; of Celtic legend and their own blend of folk music to audiences world-

Most of the lyrics were either in Scottish or Irish Gaelic but that didn't make

Gaelic but that didn't make an iota of difference to the audience, the music still spoke to them.

Karen Matheson moved in and out of the concert sitting out tunes such as the Jura Wedding Reels while the rest of the band showed their still with their respective. skill with their respective instruments.

instruments.
There was Manus Lunny
on bouzouki, Michael
McGoldrick on flute and the
superb accordion playing of
Donald Shaw.

Donald Shaw.

The band took the audience through Fainne An Dochais(Ring of Hope), the Quimper Waltz from Brittany, the Hare's Paw and on to Rose Cottage.

They opened the second half with Ailein Duinn before Matheson's wonderfull Colt in piece cored with

fully Celtic voice soared with Chuibhl (Spinning l), Nil Si I Ngra (She's Not In Love).

Danny Farragher

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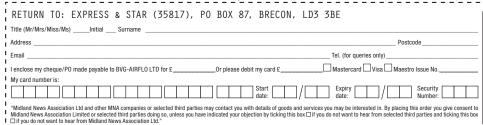
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Natalie Gumede keeps dancing at Birmingham NIA test myself and Strictly has certainly been a challenge." Natalie Gumede added:

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labels – and sometimes physics and good taste – by redefining the magic genre of entertainment, bringing lots of humour and playing a major role in making illusions hip again. Penn & Teller will only

Penn & Teller will only be performing at two venues outside London and this will include Birming-ham's New Alexandra Theatre on June 15.

Dame Julie talks of favourite things

of favourite things
DAME Julie Andrews will
be appearing at Birmingham's NIA next year but
don't anticipate her singing
My Pavourite Things.
An Evening with Julie
Andrews on May 24 is part
of what is described as a speaking four by the 78year-old Surrey-born star
of stage and screen.
She will share anecdotes
whilst looking back at highlights from her career
including the classic movie
musicals Mary Poppins and
The Sound of Music.

X Factor rocker in home city concert

WOLVERHAMPTON'S X Factor rocker Joseph Whelan will be bringing his Homecoming Xmas Show to The Slade Rooms in his home city on Friday, December 20.

Tickets are priced £5.50 for the gig by the singer, songwriter and guitar player.

MAERICAN masters of nagic Penn & Teller are returning to the UK with their spectacular Las Vegas show. The pair have defied labels - and sometimes and sometimes are sometimes and sometimes. line-up on the ballroom tour

Thriller nights at Jackson tribute



A DANCER strike an iconic pose asso-ciated with the late great King of Pop Michael Jackson, whose music and dance moves are celebrated in West End hit Thriller, which is coming to Birmingham this festive season.

The all-singing all-dancing cast will include Cleo Higgins, the Birmingham-born singer who briefly found fame in the teen group Cleopatra before hitting the headlines again with her appearance on The Voice.

The show will be staged at the ICC Hall 1, part of the same city centre complex as the Symphony Hall, from this Saturday to January 5. See thsh.co.uk for details

Come Dancing Live Tour 2014 - including a show at Birmingham NIA next month - have been announced.

Former England Rugby World Cup winner Ben Cohen, Coronation Street star Natalie Gumede and actor and funny man Mark Benton will be

man Mark Benton will be wowing the audience when the tour visits Birmingham on January 17.

Also taking part will be Natalie's main rivals for the glitterball, model Abbey Clancy – who got the perfect score for her disco routine on the TV show – and TV presenter Susanna Reid.

Host

Host

The celebrity dancer line-up so far features from the early rounds Deborah Meaden and from series ten Westlife singer Nicky Byrne.

Alongside the celebrity dancers, Craig Revel Horwood, Len Goodman and Horwood, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli are back as the tour's formidable judges. They will be on hand to give their expert feedback and all important scores to

give their expert feedback and all important scores to the celebrities and their dance pro partners.

They will be joined by former Strictly favourite Lisa Riley, who returns to the dance floor as host of the 2014 tour.

Ben Cohen said: "I love to the former strictly favourite the many support of the strictly tour, it's the perfect excuse to keep dancing! Dancing for all the fam who have voted to keep the support of the support of the strictly four it's support of the part of the Strictly tour, it's the perfect excuse to keep art of the Strictly tour, it's the perfect excuse to keep art of the Strictly tour, it's fam who have voted to keep the support of the Strictly tour, it's fam who have voted to keep art of the Strictly tour, it's fam who have voted to kee

Stacey flying in to NIA as Tinkerbell

QUEEN of the Jungle and X Factor finalist Stacey Solomon makes her the-atrical debut in Birmingham tomorrow when Peter Pan – The Never Ending

Story opens at the NIA.

The singing daughter of
Dagenham will be playing
Tinkerbell in the high-

Dagenham will be playing Tinkerbell in the high-flying fantasy based on JM Barrie's classic creation. The song that she will be singing as she fliesis the rather appropriate You Raise Me Up. Stacey will also narrate the show which will be staged Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

American music legends plan gigs

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TWO major American
stars of the music scene for
the past five decades are
coming to Birmingham
next year.
Jazz and soul legend
George Benson, a vocal and
guitar great, will perform
at Birmingham Symphony
Hall on June 22. His hits
include Give Me The Night
and Never Give Up On A
Good Thing.
Singer-songwriter
James Taylor brings his
band to the LG Arena on
September 26.
Little Mix to start

Little Mix to start tour at LG Arena

ALL-girl pop group Little
Mix will kick off their 2014
tour at Birmingham LG
Arena on May 16.
Perrie, Jesy, Leigh-Anne
and Jade have released two
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Strictly Come Dancing BBC1, 6.40pm

Whether it was Susanna Reid being possessed by the spirit of the paso doble in Blackpool, Natalie Gumede wowing us with a Charleston, or just the expression on Brendan Cole's face when the judges suggested his rumba with Sophie Ellis-Bextor wasn't quite raunchy enough, this year's Strictly Come Dancing has provided us with plenty of memorable moments. In our eyes, all the celebs are winners, but sadly only four can make it to next week's final and be in with a chance of getting the mitts on that mirrorball

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live 11.30 Food & Drink (R) 12.00 Football Focus 12.45 Saturday Sportsday 1.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather 1.15 Gymnastics. Highlights of the World Cup event from Glasgow. 4.00 Final Score. 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.50 Pointless Celebrities.

- Strictly Come Dancing.
 Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the semi-final.
 Atlantis. Jason helps himself to an abandoned feast, which causes him to start demonstrating some seriously strange behaviour, and it falls to Hercules and Pythagoras to save their friend.
- Pythagoras to save their friend.

 9.05 Casualty. A young couple seke fretige at a farm for the birth of their baby, while a man receives an electric shock from a Christmas tree, disrupting Sam and Tom's wedding plans.

 9.55 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.

 10.58 BBC News; Weather.

 10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures, which included Manchester City v Arsenal at the Etihad Stadium and Newcastle United v

11.55 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including

and League Two, including Leicester City v Burnley. 1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News

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6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.35 Film:
Teacher's Pet. (2004) 7.45 Film:
Anything But Christmas. (2012)
9.15 Film: Animal Farm. (1954)
10.30 Reel History of Britain. (R)
11.00 Animal Park. (R) 12.00
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1.92 Me. You and Doctor Who
Matthew Sweet examines the
enduring appeal and cultural
impact of the long-running
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impact of the long-running sci-fi series, with contributions by Matt Smith, Mark Ravenhill and Ken Livingstone.

Mark Ravenhill and Ken
Livingstone.

8.00 Film: Tron: Legacy. (2010)
Premiere. A man saarching
for his father is sucked into a
computer-generated world
and must compete in
gladiatorial combart. Sci-fi
adventure, with Jeff Bridges
and Garrett Hedlund.
9.55 The Science of Doctor Who.
Professor Brian Cox
examines the science behind
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allows the Doctor to travel
allows the Doctor to travel
through space and time. (R)
10.55 The Wrong Mans. A case of
mistaken identify cataputis
two council employees into
the middle of a deadly
criminal conspiracy. Comedy
trillier, with James Corden
and Matthew Baynton. (R)
11.25 The Wrong Mans. Sam and

11.25 The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens wife. (R) 11.55 The Wrong Mans. (R)

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That. (R) 6.25 The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 5.50 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) Dani, (ry 1.30 Jin) Dani, (ry). Acadimals, (R)
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- Christmas Reunion.
 6.05 Regional Programme;
 Weather.
 6.15 ITV News; Weather.
 6.30 New You've Been Framed!
 7.00 The Chase: Celebrity
 Special With Arlene
 Philips; Diarmuid Gavin,
 Helen Skelton and Micky
 Flanand
- 8 00 The X Factor The three ine X Factor. The three remaining acts head to Wembley Arena to battle it out in the first part of the final, featuring performances by the Killers and Tom Odell. Dermot O'Leary hosts. Concludes tomorrow at 7.30pm.
- 10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show.
- 11.10 ITV News; Weather.
 11.25 Take Me Out. A rugby player, a student, a morris dancer and a security adviser take part. Last in the series. (R)

12.50 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

C.15 The Hobbs. (R) 6.40 Beach Volleyball. (R) 7.30 Survival of the Fittest 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.50 The Simpsons. (R) 12.25 Heston's Farlastical Christmas. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine With Me. Furnal Company Service Company Se

6.35 Channel 4 News.

Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson takes the war back to Centipede, and this time he brings in Mike Peterson

are revealed. (R)
8.00 Cornwall: Walking Through
History. Tony Robinson treks
along the coastline between
Plymouth in Devon and
Falmouth, learning about the
smuggling trade in Cornwall
during the late 18th century.

Last in the series.

Psychopath Night.
Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts.

Film: Elec

experts.

10.55 Film: Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

1.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R)
2.20 Fresh Meat. (R) 3.05 The Silent City. (R) 3.15 Hollyoaks. (R)
5.25 90210.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Slugterra. 11.00 The Great Christmas Toy Giveaway. (R) 1.05 Inside Hollywood. 1.10 World's Scariest Weather. (R) 2.05 Film: Will You Merry Me? (2008) Comedy, starring Tommy Lioutas and Vikik Krinsky. 3.50 Film: The Christmas Heart. (2012) Premiere. Drama, starring Ten Polo. 5.35 Film: Mistletoe Over Manhattan. (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helter and Greg Bryk. 7.15 Film: The Real St Nick.

7.15 Film: The Real St Nick. (2012) Premiere. A nurse falls in love with a psychiatric patient who thinks he is Santa, and tries to discover his real identity. Romantic comedy, with Torrey DeVitto and Callard Harris.

comedy, with Jorey DeVitto and Callard Harris.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Bible. The Jews are forced into exile and slavery in Babylonia, Daniel is thrown into the lion's den and the Angel Gabriel tells Mary she has been chosen to bear the Son of God.

10.50 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An outlawed English nobleman recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, with Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman.

Morgan Freeman.
1.50 Super-Casino. Live interactive gaming. 3. 10 Secrets of the Vanishing Sphink. Investigating how and why the Egyptians built the sculpture. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.20 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
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9.00 Russell Howard's Good News
10.00 Film: Anchorman: The
Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004)
11.35 Family Guy

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BBC Four 7.00 Frozen Planet 8.00 Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History 9.00 Borgen 11.00 Definitely Dusty

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3.00 The Only Way Is Essexmas
4.05 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of
Here Now! Trials and Tribulations
5.10 You've Been Framed!
Christmas 5.40 Film: Johnny
English (2003) 7.25 Film: The
Perfect Storm (2000) 10.05 The
Xtractor 11.05 Celebrity Juice:
XTM3 Amar Special

3.45 Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) 5.45 A Touch of Frost 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Bomb Girls 11.00 Agatha Christie's Marple

17V4 2.00 Film: The Appaloosa (1966) 4.00 Storage Wars 4.55 GT Academy 5.55 I Want That Car 6.55 Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) 10.00 Film: Age of Heroes (2011)

2.00 Film: Never Been Kissed (1999) 4.05 How I Met Your Mother 5.05 The Big Bang Theory 6.30 2 Broke Girls 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 7.30 Suburgatory 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Die Hard (1988) 11.40 The Inbetweeners

Film4
2.45 Cleopatra (1963) 7.15 The
Golden Child (1986) Fantasy
adventure, starring Eddie Murphy
and Charles Dance. 9.00 Fracture
(2007) Thriller, starring Anthony
Hopkins. 11.15 Donkey Punch
(2008)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 15.12.13

CHOICE



Gary Lineker

Sports Personality of the Year 2013 BBC1, 7.40pm

Last week we celebrated 60 years of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award with a documentary featuring some of the show's most memorable moments. A few more amazing memories could be created in tonight's edition when Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding host the 2013 programme from the First Direct arena in Leeds. Favourite to lift the trophy this time round is Andy Murray, thanks in no small part to him becoming the first British man to win Wimbledon for 77 years.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast, 7, 30 Match of the Day, (R) 9,00 The Andrew Marr Show, 10,00 Fern Britton Meets Ken Dodd, 11,00 Wanted Down Under, (R) 11,45 Helicopter Heroes Down Under, (R) 12,15 MOTD2 Extra, 1,00 BSC News, Weather Star, 1,00 BSC News, Weather Star, 1,00 BSC, 10,00 Escape to the Country, (R) 3,45 Christmas Supermarket Secrets, (R) 4,45 Lifeline, 4,55 Songs of Praise, 5,30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Prideaux Place stately home, where US sodilers prepared for D-Day, and Helen Skelton finds out why artists flock to inspiration. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples have secured a place in the final and who will be hanging up their dancing shoes.

Sports Personality of the Year 2013. Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare

Year 2013. Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's ceremony live from the First Direct Arena in Leeds, where the Successor to Sir Bradley Subsequent programmes subject to change. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather

Weatner.

10.25 Match of the Day 2.
Including highlights of
Tottenham Hotspur v
Liverpool.

11.35 Film: Adventureland. (2009) Teen comedy, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart.

1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

RRC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.55 Film:
The Valley of Gwangi. (1968) 8.30
Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol
Kenf. (R) 400 Life in a Cottage 10.00
Garden Cottage 10.00
Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00
Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. (R) 11.45 Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. (R) 12.30 EastEnders. (R) 2.20 Film:
Around the World in 80 Days.
(1956) 5.05 Flog It! 5.55 Ski
Sunday.

Sunday.

6.40 Sports Personality of the Year at 60. Gary Lineker presents a look at the history of the ceremony, which has become a sports and broadcasting institution since first being held in 1954. (R)

3.10 Since first being held in Since first being held in T.40 The Great British Sewing Bee Christmas Special. Judges Patrick Grant and May Martin reunite with the four semi-finalists to show how to make gifts and decorations, including a teddy bear, a gardening belt and a satchel.

8.40 Film: The Duchess. (2008) An 18th-century duchess enduring a trouble bear and a prominent politician. Drama, with Keitar Knightley, Raiph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper. With Victoria Wood, Richey, Raiph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper. 10.20 IXL. Extended edition. With Victoria Wood, Richey Raiph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper. 11.05 Hebburn. A national newspaper publishes an extract from Jack's pregnancy diary (R) 11.35 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Music quiz. (R) 12.35 Countryfile. (R) Raiph Force of Nation. (R) 12.35 Countryfile. (R) BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat 6.00 CTTV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That. (R) 6.25 The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That. (R) 6.25 The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Camimals. (R) 7.10 Camimals. (R) 7

6.05 Regional Programme;

6.15 ITV News; Weathe The Chase: Celebrity

Special.

The X Factor Results.
The two finalists battle it out once more before Dermot O'Leary announces the winner. With music by One Direction, Katy Perry, and Gary Barlow with Elton John. Last in the series.

Through the Christmas Keyhole. Keith Lemon rummages through the homes of three mystery celebrities.

10.30 ITV News: Weather

10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 Film: Hellboy II: The Golden
Army. (2008) A Action
fantasy sequel directed by
Guillermo del Toro, starring
Ron Perlman.
12.50 The Store. 2.50 Motorsport
UK. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The
Jeremy Kyle Show: 5 Days of
Christmas. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The American Football Show. (R) 7.30 Anglesey Sandman Triathlon. (R) 8.00 Jamie's Money Saving Meals. (R) 8.30 Jamie's Money Saving Meals. (R) 8.30 Jamie's Money Saving Meals. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Jig Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Jig Bang Cadget Mar. (R) 3.05 Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid. (2010) Family cornedy, starring Zachary Gordon. 5.00 Channel 4 News. 5.20 Film: Fred Claus. (2007) Santa 5.00 Channel 4 News. 5.20 Film: Fred Claus. (2007) Santa reluctantly agrees to bail his selfish estranged brother out of jail – on condition he helps to make toys for Christmas. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Paul Glamatti.

Christmas. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Paul Giamatti.
7.30 Britain's Killer Storms. Feature-length documentary-drama telling the story of five major storms that battered the nation throughout 2012, hearing from people who survived them.

9.00 Homelland. As Lockhart's confirmation looms, Carrie infilitrates Tehran to support the mission, but Brody's required with a familiar face from his past.

10.00 Film. Your Highness. (2011) Premiere. Two princes – one a dashing hero, the other a selfish oaf – go on a quest to rescue a princess from an evil wizard. Fantasy comedy, with Danny McBride and James Franco.

12.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.

12.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. Guests include Seann Walsh and Michael Buble. (R) 1.00 American Football Live. All the action from a match in the NFL. 4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly. Lee Haskins v Jason Booth. (R) **5.15** Countdown (R) **5.55** Suburgatory.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi 6.00 milksnaxe:: reppa r.y. o.u. reparty in the Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifl and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bub Gupples. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Lobe Sloset. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.55 Mike Way for Noddy. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Milo Mao. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 8.20 Artigelinia Bailerina; (r) 8.49 Hupert Bear, (r) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, (R) 9.15 John Miller Bailer, (r) 9.15 John Miller, (r) 9.15 Joh

and Jesse L Martin.
7.25 Film: Ghost Rider. (2007)
Fantasy thriller based on the
comic-book, starring Nicolas
Cage. Eva Mendes and Wes
Bentley. Edited for violence
and flashing images.
9.25 5 News Weekend.
9.30 Britain's Favourite
Christmas Songs. Festive
music countdown. (R)
12.30 Tba Abba Vears. (R). 1.30

music countdown. (R)

12.30 The Abba Years. (R) 1.30

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Show. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R)
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(R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R)
5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The
Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary
the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's
Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide 8.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2013 10.00 Family Guy 10.25 The Revolution Will Be Televised 10.55 Family Guy 11.20 American Dad!

7.00 Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies 9.00 Lou Reed Remembered 10.00 David Bowie – Five Years 11.30 Evidently – John Cooper Clarke

ITV2
3.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Crown Jewels 4.30
You've Been Framed at Christmas 5.30 Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) 7.30 Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) 7.30 Film: Land of the Lost (2009) 9.30 The Xtra Factor 10.30 Film: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006)

3.20 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 4.30 Lewis 6.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Lewis 11.00 A Touch of Frost

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1.25 Film: The Story of Dr Wassell (1944) 4.10 Film: Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) 6.35 Storage Wars 7.35 Tim Vine's Punslinger 9.00 Film: City Slickers (1991) 11.20 Didier Drogba: Sports Life Stories

E4 4.55 Film: Dear John (2010) **7.00**The Big Bang Theory **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** Rude Tube: Epic Fails

Film4
3.05 Romancing the Stone (1984)
5.10 Bride Wars (2009) 6.50 Step
10 3 (2010) Dance drama sequel,
starring Rick Malambri. 9.00 Battle;
Los Angeles (2011) A platon of
soldiers is sent into battle against
an allen invasion force that has
landed on America's west coast.
Sci-fit briller, starring Aaron
Eckhart. 11.15 Compliance (2012)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Cliffhanger, ITV, 11.05pm
A retired mountain rescue expert is drawn into a battle of wits with a psychopathic criminal searching for a \$100million fortune lost in the Rockies - and puts his life on the line as he negotiates the treacherous mountains in a bid to stay one step ahead of the crook. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow, Janine Turner and Michael Rooker. (1993)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally to young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges, Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint and Robert Pattinson. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

The Terminator, Channel 5, 10pm
A cyborg assassin is sent on a murderous mission back A cyborg assassin is sent on a murderous mission back in time to the 20th century, where he wreaks havoc while searching for his intended victim - a woman whose unborn son is destined to lead the human race in a war against machines. However, a soldier has also been sent from the future to protect her. James Cameron's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Michael Biehn, (1984)



Mistletoe Over Manhattan, Channel 5, 1.25pm Misteroe Over Mannattan, Channel 5, 1.25pm Santa Claus's wife goes to New York to perform a Christmas miracle and give her husband fresh inspiration. She befriends a cop who is in the middle of a divorce and offers to be find a way to bring them back together. Seasonal fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk. (2011)

Tamara Drewe, BBC2, 11,05pm

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A woman returns to the sleepy village where she grew
up, having transformed from an awkward teenager to a
successful and confident journalist. She instantly
becomes the object of obsession for every man in the
neighbourhood, while her sex life becomes a source of ineignountoon, while her sex hile becomes a source fascination for two local girls. Comedy based on Posy Simmonds' comic strip, with Gemma Arterton, Dominic Cooper and Tamsin Greig. (2010)

Pick of the Week

Murray aims to make it a truly smashing year

eroes and villains – they're all on display in Sports Personality of the Year 2013, which this year celebrates its 60th anniversary while showcasing the most important sporting events of the past 12 months.

Whenever the show is broadcast, fans know that Christmas is just around the corner – but who will be celebrating the festive season with a shiny new trophy on the mantelpiece as well as a turkey in the oven?

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During the programme, eight awards will be presented: Team of the Year, Coach of the Year, Unsung Heno, Overseas Personality of the Year, The Helen Rollason Award (a special BBZ trophy for outstanding courage and achievement in the face of adversity, named after the sports presenter who died of cancer aged just 43 in 1999), and the Young Sports Personality of the Year Award. The latter is given to an outstanding competitor, aged 16 or under, selected from nominations made by Blue Peter viewers.

Watch out too for the 60th

Watch out too for the 60th Anniversary Diamond Award, which will be handed to a sporting legend

Whether the next sportsman or woman to have their name engraved on the trophy turns out to be as laidback as last year's winner remains to

Bradley Wiggins was clearly thrilled that the public had voted for him (he called it "probably his greatest achievement"), but unlike some previous winners, he wasn't cameraprevious winners, he v shy or stuck for words.

Perhaps Chris Froome, his successor as the Tour de France champion, may come out of top this time round. However, it would be ver tough on Andy Murray following his Wimbledon win in the summer if he missed out — he's currently favourite with the bookles too. What may go against Murray is the fact that he hasn't played much tennis since then; he's been injured for some time, which may keep him out of the voters' thoughts.

Some naysayers may suggest that the competition isn't so hot this time

round. After all, last year's ceremony took place just months after the London Olympics, and arguments could have been made for a number of candidates from that event alone in the build-up to last December's evening.

But the BBC's director of sport, erbera Slater, reckons it will be as Barbara Slater, reckons It will be as exciting as ever: The year includes major events such as the Ashes, World Athletics Championships, Rugby League World Cup and Women's European Football Championship as well as a packed callendar across all sporting callendar works all sporting to some proper some proper some proper some properties, so we're looking forward to another exciting show:

another exciting show."

This time, cameras, crew and celebs are heading to Leeds' First Direct Arena, and we can expect all the usual reports and highlights, although an iconic host will be missing – Sue Barker.

missing – Sue Barker.

A few months ago she announced her decision to step down from the show, but she's leaving it in very good hands – Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Gabby Logan are the experienced trio in charge.



Sports Personality of the Year 2013, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY Kirstie's Crafty Christmas

Channel 4, 8pm These days, Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer aren't just property experts, they're also lifestyle gurus. Ms Allsopp started the trend by showing us that she's a dab-hand at all things crafty, demonstrating how to whip up our own cushions and the like on a shoestring budget. She's made no secret of the fact that Christmas is her favourite time of year, so it seems only fitting that she'd share her top tips for seems only limiting that shed share her top ups of ensuring the big day goes with a bang. Kirstie explains how fast crafts can not only beat the clock but offer up a big impact, and first up, she's visiting a Christmas market. She speaks to expert artisans about how to make festive delights including mince pie popcorn with tree syrup and a rich red velvet Christmas cheesecake

A Night of Heroes - The Military Awards

Forget presenting This Morning or judging the acts on Britain's Got Talent – the highlight of Phillip Schofield and Amanda Holden's professional year is hosting this annual event. For the uninitiated, the event takes place at London's National Maritime Museum and is now in its sixth year. A total of 10 awards are given those who have made outstanding contributions to Britain's armed services. The accolades have been judged by a panel that includes Jeremy Clarkson, Andy McNab, Holly Willoughby and Lorraine Kelly, with support from four former military chiefs – General Sir Mike Jackson, Admiral Lord West, Field Marshal Lord Guthrie and ACM Sir Peter Squire.

The Great British Bake Off Christmas

BBC2, 8pm

an amazing year for the Great British Bake Off. Back in October, a peak audience of 9.1 million viewers tuned in for the final, so no wonder it's getting a transfer to BBC One in time for the next series. But before they pack up their mixing bowls and switch channels, Mary and Paul are bringing us this Christmas special, which sees them sharing some of their favourite festive recipes, from old stand-bys like stollen and a gingerbread house to the slightly more unusual likes of Scottish black bun and tunis cake. And they've also come up with an alternative to turkey sandwiches as a way of using up leftovers, in the form of Paul's hand-raised Boxing Day pie.

WEDNESDAY Food & Drink Christmas Special

BBC2, 8pm It seems like every show that's ever been on telly has a Christmas special, but none are more justified than this - after all, good food and nice drinks really do go hand in hand with the festive season. And what will culinary legend Michel Roux Jr and award-winning drinks expert Kate Goodman be dishing up this year? Well, since they're joined by Great British Bake Off judge Mary Berry and Michelin-starred chef Glynn Purnell, you know whatever it is will be something special. Sure enough, there's a look at how to roast the perfect goose, recipes for easy canapes, a spectacular sausage roll and a quick chocolate torte – as well as a boozy drinks round-up.

Surprise Surprise

Granted, this series runs all year round, but really, there's no better time than Christmas to pay tribute to those who selflessly to do so much for others that supporting proteins anything in return. Clearly, Holly without expecting anything in return, Clearly, Holly Willoughby and co have been thinking along the

same lines because we're being treated to a festive edition of the popular show – and they've pulled out all the stops this time, getting some big names on board. James Colbourn has been nominated by his younger sister, Sadie, for all the support he's given her since she gave birth to twin boys at just 26 weeks. An his surprise surprise? Meeting Britney Spears at The Savov in London

Meanwhile, a Cher fan gets a special message, and Olly Murs provides music for

Live Celebrity a Millionaire? ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY

Text Santa, Friday, ITV, 8pm Chris Tarrant recently suggested that this former

ratings-topper became a victim of the recession financially uncertain times, what contestants really wanted was to answer a few easy(ish) questions and go home with £10,000 rather than the chance and go nome with £10,000, rather than the chance to gamble their way to a million. But will the celebs on this live version prove a bit more willing to take a risk, or will the fact that they are playing for charity make them even more cautious? Well, one of the contestants, former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, definitely has a competitive streak, so he may be our best chance to see someone go all the way as he joins ubiquitous presenter and Reds fan Eamonn Holmes to play for their favourite good causes - and a viewer at home, who will have a chance to claim half the winnings.

FRIDAY Text Santa

It's only in its third year now, but already we feel like Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Text Santa. This time around, the build-up towards the main event started early, with Davina McCall's summertime celeb dance show Stepping Out offering 15p from each vote to the cause, and This offening 15p from each vote to the cause, aftur in Morning's Take a Moment' campaign, which ran during the autumn contributing £167,390. And impressive though that is, it's nothing compared to what will be accomplished tonight, when presentin duos Ant and Dec, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield, and Paddy McGuinness and Christine Bleakley step up for the marathon three-hour fundraising extravaganza, including star guests, sketches and the Big Reunion bands performing their charity single

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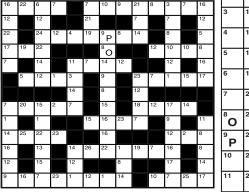
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- 1. Picks out the fellow by the vessel show ing shooting ability (12)
- 7. Some of the extra inquiries for transport (5) 8. This is used not-
- withstanding (5) 9. Manage a continuous series of performances (3)

 10. Girl's name needs amending - pretones to be unfit (0)
- tends to be unfit (9)
- 11. Emphasise the account requires
- 12. The show is miss
- ing from an idyllic location (6) One friend is after the market in a hostile way (9)
- 17. Drink produces endless sign of
- endless sign or grief (3)

 18. A gently thrustful reminder (5)

 19. The brute will destroy the root vegetable (5)

 21. Begard as skilful.
- 21. Regard as skilful not to be dismissed lightly (12)

- What no patient would suffer at the hands of an efficient doctor? (12)
- 2. South Pacific 2. South Pacific always initially provides place for recuperation (3)
 3. The records will show fifty in Indian currency (6)
 4. Support a small railway that's not of prime importance (9)
- 5. I find fault this will
- make you angry (5) 6. Go over to inspect what counsel has to
- do (5-7)
 7. Is this the keynote to health? (5)

- to health? (5)

 10. Wrinkles are apparent in the fellow's virility (9)

 13. Teacher loses his head and makes a bloomer! (5)

 14. Criticised the way the roof is covered (6) (6) 16. Is the broadcaster
- so active? (5) 20. The iron rod is
- almost completely stripped (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Private (12) 7. Let (5)
- 8. Watery (5)
- 9. Small child (3)
- 10. Impostor (9)
- 11. Modern (6)
- 12. Current (6)
- 15. Postponed (9)
- 17. Donkey (3) 18. Leeway (5)
- 19. Implied (5)
- 21. Reproof (12)

- 1. Revokes (12)
- 2. Sick (3)
- 3. Envelop (6)
- 4. Reduced to a synopsis (9)
- 5. Ward off (5)
- 6. Broadcast (12)
- 7. Caper (5) 10. Director of orchestra (9)
- 13. Precise (5)
- 14. Seize (6)
- 16. Sap (5)
- 20. Tin (3)

Sudoku

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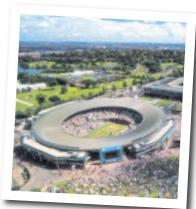
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Motoring

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Honda's CR-V is much more than a five-star safety SUV



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Drive time with Graham Breeze

IT'S built in Britain and has been rated as one of Europe's safest cars but Honda's CR-V faces massive

opposition in the SUV sector.

Honda has invested heavily in the CR-V at its Swindon headquarters and receiving the maximum 5-star safety rating from Euro NCAP was a real boost. But the big question is will it sell enough in a market cluttered with look-alike alternatives?

If safety is on your buying agenda you will be as impressed as NCAP were. All CR-Vs come with front, side and curtain airbags, plus a statistical of the safety of the saf bility control system that counteracts midcorner movement.

corner movement.

And if you plump for the SR or EX models you get systems that steer you back on track if you start to wander out of your lane on the motorway, and brake if a crash is sensed.

On test was the 2.2 i-DTEC SE with manual

Between Cousins and Dudley Zoo)

the car came with everything you would expect there was not a lot to make it stand out from the

It is designed for on-road use, so it's as com-It is designed for on-road use, so it's as com-fortable to drive as any family hatch and is more than a match for anything in the sector if you need to transport a big family and the family pet. And the bootspace is enormous. The 2.2-litre diesel engine is nicely geared on the manual version and produces 150bhp and 350lb ft of torque.

On the road this Honda soaks up the bumps and is a comfortable ride with the driver sitting high enough to demand impressive views. There's plenty of grip, even at top speed, though the steering could probably be a little less vague—though that's being a bit picky. Inside there's no mistaking that you are driving a diesel because the engine noise comes into the eah muite loudly when put under president of the properties of

into the cab quite loudly when put under pres sure but on the open road the ride is quite and

stress free.

There's more than enough seating for a family of five, regardless of size and height and all-round views are good for driver and passen-

interior. I've long been a fan of their facia where all the controls are easy to find, uncluttered and more importantly uncomplicated. I like nothing less than having to spend time working out what switches are for.

out what switches are for.

The SE has front and rear parking sensors, fronts fog lights, rear view camera, Bluetooth, folding door mirrors, automatic lights and wipers and a leather gear knob and steering wheel.

wheel.

Combined fuel figures claim an average of 50.4mpg and CO2 emission levels are at 149g/km. There's a top speed of 118mph and 0-62mph in 9.7seconds.

There have been over five million CR-V sales worldwide since launch in 1995 so Honda know they have a winning formula the question is whether this fourth generation entry can fend off ever-graying opposition. Time will tell off ever-growing opposition. Time will tell.

Bumper to bumper

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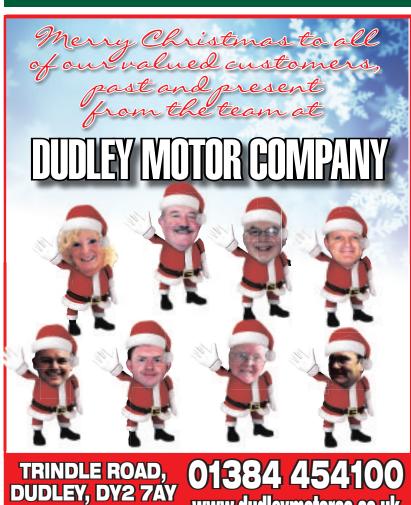
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However, the team stuck

going 1-0 down.

However, the team stuck to the tactics and formation discussed by the new coach and this paid dividends.

There was a stunning hatrick by super veteran Jawanda which turned the game on its head.

The passing was crisp and pinpoint and the third goal for K-ford came after eight such passes starting from Dhaliwal, Singh, Matharu, Purewal, Taran, Jawanda, Takhar and then back to Jawanda to strike home Jawanda to strike home from D Top. Chairman Julian Turner

Chairman Julian Turner
"It was a great performance.
Hopefully this result will be
the catalyst for us to build on
and move forward after the
turmoil of recent weeks.
"We are working to stabilise the club and build
from the grass roots."

30 points docked off rugby side WEDNESBURY have been

deducted 30 league points for fielding two unregis-tered players in their Mid-lands Three West (North)

lands Three West (North) match against Uttoxeter on November 23.

The penalty, imposed by the Midlands Leagues Organising Committee, will see 15 points deducted immediately with the balance suspended until the end of next season.

Wednesbury admitted

end of next season.

Wednesbury admitted playing two unregistered players and of providing a falsified matchcard which aggravated the original offence.

"It is important to note that the original offence of the property of the provided provided the provided provid

playing two unregistered players would only have attracted a five-point penalty," said Paul Kamin-ski, the MLOC chairman.

ski, the MLOC chairman.
"In its efforts to cover up
the offence, Wednesbury
made matters much worse
and would have attracted
an even more severe penalty
had they not eventually
made a full admission of the
offence,"

Etheridge earns national championship

LIAM ETHERIDGE finally became a national champion after success in the final of the Ambisuccess in the iniai of the Ambi-tion Boxing Championships with a case of third time lucky for the Pleck ABC fighter.

Pleck ABC fighter.

The former ABA Schoolboys and junior finalist was declared the majority points victor, after a thrilling three-round contest at the Heart of Portsmouth Boxing Academy on Saturday.

The 19-year-old, competing in his 75th amateur fight, had to battle tooth-and-nail to squeeze past Thomas Kindon, from Guildford ABC in Surrey, at 54kg in

ciass C, for boxers born in 1994 and 1995. Etheridge had already dumped out the hot favourite by beating three-time national cham-pion Reece Mould, from Doncaster Plant Works ABC, in the semi-finals.

And the Walsall stylist came out And the Waisal stylist came out all guns blazing in the final and regularly tagged Kindon with left hooks and combination punches in the first round, a theme that continued in the second session.

Kindon had to come out and throw the kitchen sink at Etheridge in the third and final round, but the West Midlander

kept tight and held court in the middle of the ring to take the win. In the female senior ABA cham-pionships, Stafford's Right Stuff ABC will have a presence in the national final after Sophie Stewart again edged closer to a

title.

But there was disappointment for club-mate Megan Ellis in the ABA Schools championships, as she took two standing eight counts before the fight was stopped in the

second.

Her semi-final conqueror was

Youth ABC, at 66kg in Class Three, for boxers born in 1998.

Three, for boxers born in 1998.
Former national champion
Stewart soundly defeated St
Albans ABC's Rebecca Stone by
unanimous points decision at
48kg in Class C, for fighters who have had none to five bouts.

have had none to five bouts.

At 54kg in the senior ABA semifinals, Walsall Wood's Rachel
Coton bowed out of the competition with a majority points defeat
against Hastings ABC's Belinda
Skinner.

But Amic Smith, form Brian

But Amie Smith, from Priory Park ABC in Dudley, advanced at

points verdict over Alessia Walker, from Lynn ABC in London.

Victoria Morgan, from Lions ABC in Dudley, is also through to ABC in Dudley, is also through to the final with a majority points win after a 71kg contest with Marnie Swindels, from the capital's Double Jab ABC. verdict over Alessia Walker, from Lynn ABC in London.

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Late goals keep Yeltz in race for the league

Romulus O Halesower 2
TWO late goals won the
game for Halesowen and
kept up the pressure at the
top of the Evo-Stik Division
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Romulus had the first
chance in a quiet first half
when Daniel O'Callaghan
found some space after the

found some space after the Halesowen defence failed to

Halesowen defence failed to clear a free kick, but he shot straight at goalkeeper Sam Pearson.

Then Lee Smith managed to climb above Halesowen defender Asa Charlton but his header over the bar.

Halesowen's chances were few and far between, although early in the second half, Kyle Patterson saw a chip go off target.

Joe Hull headed Halesowen he dge

Joe Hull headed Halesowen ahead from the edge of the six-yard-box and shortly after Aaron Griffiths saw an attempted cross fly over Lewis Exhall and into the bottom right hand corner of the net.

Romulus tried to get at least a goal back in the final minutes of the game, but were twice denied by Sam Pearson who saved shots from Craig Marshall and O'Callaghan.

The Yeltz are now one point away from leaders Leek Town and have two games in hand.

Clarke aims to build up his standing

HALESOWEN Super Mid-dleweight prospect, Lennox Clarke, is ready to build on his impressive start to pro-fessional boxing when he returns to action next week.

returns to action next week.
The 22 year-old enjoyed
an explosive debut in the
paid ranks when he blew
away James Child inside two
rounds last month.
Clarke takes on Didier
Blanch on EJKO Promotions' Who Dares Wins Show
at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham, on December 19. He
was due to face the Congoborn boxer for his debut but
Blanch was switched for Blanch was switched for Child at the 11th hour.

Child at the 11th hour.

Because of that late switch, Clarke has already to the his homework on his opponent and believes the extra time to prepare will stand him in good stead on fight night.

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Goal-machine Ashton does it again for Tipton

TIPTON Town eased past local rivals Gornal Athletic thanks to two goals by goal machine

midfielder Danny Ashton. But for an excellent performance in the Gornal goal by Luke Stevens and two second half encounters with the woodwork, Tipton might have come away from the game with a more decisive victory. With many of the current Tipton squad having played

Football

Tipton began to turn the

Tipton began to turn the screw.
Rogers spurned another chance just after the restart, skying an effort from close range after great work by Marvin Nisbett.
But Tipton's pressure finally told on 53 minutes when yet again Stevens produced a great save to deny Connor Gater and Danny Ashton was there to prodhome.

home.

Tipton settled from there on in and it was only a matter of time before the lead was increased as Town hit the woodwork twice within seven minutes from first Nisbett and then Weyman.

Weyman. The introduction

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The introduction of Richard Smith from the bench for the final stages to play alongside Gornal skipper gave the visitors more impetus but the advantage was doubled on 76 minutes when Ashton finally got the better of Stevens with a 25 yard shot on the turn that looped over the keeper's head an into the back of the net.

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With many of the current
under Ian Rowe during his
successful spell as manager
at Gornal, and with several
of the Gornal players having
played for Tipton, it was
always likely to be a compettitive affair.
The match started with an
impeccably observed tribute
to former Tipton, Tividale
and Halesowen striker
Brendan Pugh who sadly
died this week.
It was one of Tipton's
former Gornal crew who
almost opened the scoring
on seven minutes as Connor
Gater curled a free kick over
from 25 yards.
The impressive Hoshane
Gabbidon came close with a
free kick of his own on 17
minutes for Gornal and then
at the other end of the pitch
Stevens was called into
action for the first time to Stevens was called into action for the first time to deny Joe Rogers from close

range.
On 32 minutes, Ashton's

On 32 minutes, Ashton's shot from the right-hand side of the area was palmed away superbly by Stevens. At half time Ian Rowe rang the changes, bringing on Matt Weyman for Mensah Kinch.
Weyman made a profound impact on the second half as

Ladies have to fight all the way to grab victory

Halesowen Town Ladies 5 Woodstar Rgs Ladies 3 THE last time the Yeltz met

Woodstar was at the begin-

Woodstar was at the beginning of the season and the score was 13-0 to the Yeltz but there was going to be no repeat of that this time.

It was a messy game to watch with Halesowen taking longer than usual to settle in and it was clear from the off Woodstar had some pace, Sabrina Dale, Shel Thomas and Gemma Moss were finding themselves chasing their attackers.

ers.

It was Woodstar who got on the score sheet first after Charlotte Byatt caught one of their players on the edge of the area, giving away a penalty which Hannah Troman couldn't get to.

Halesowen needed to step up their game and hirefly

Halesowen needed to step up their game and briefly the attacks started to come, but Woodstars keeper was on form, making some good saves from Lyndsey Glover and Sian Whittall.

There was a huge gap in the middle of the field because Halesowen midfielders Sarah Hamill and Tracey Haycock were spreading themselves too thin.

Substitutions were made to try to revive the team but Jo Butler was finding it difficult to keep up with the



Sarah Hamill heads on the ball during the match against Woodstar Rangers

pace of their left winger and Chloe Harris was struggling Chatwin was fighting hard to keep the attacks at bay. Halesowen drew a goal sheep the het. Halesowen drew a goal back following a clearance, which Tracey picked up and put in the back of the net. The second half was tough to watch, everyone seemed to be working really hard, but the passing accuracy was not the usual standard and Halesowen were flow again and the goals which beat Troman.

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over for another season

Stevenage 4 Stourbridge 0 STOURBRIDGE'S FA Cup dream is over for another

year.

In the end, the extra organisation and fitness of Stevenage, 79 places and four tiers above them in the football ladder, told.

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But the Glassboys know they could have pushed the League One side a lot closer if only they had taken their chances in a first half.

Although they ultimately won at a canter, Stevenage's progress to the third round was largely down to the poor defending by Gary Hackett's side, and that the first two goals came at key times.

Luke Benbow had a golden chance in the second minute, but he fired wide.

Stourbridge had the ball in the net when Leon Broadhurst scrambled home in the sixth minute following Ben Billingham's corner, only for the strike to be negated by an infringement.

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Francois Zoko got the breakthrough a minute before the break when he headed home Luke Freeman's cross.

The game was anyone's at that stage but that all changed within four minutes of the restart when

minutes of the restart when Akins got the killer goal. Freeman buried a low close-range shot to make it 3-0 on the hour after more poor defending and Filipe Morais added a fourth two minutes from time.

Saxons side in shutout

Stourbridge Saxons 54
Hull RUFC 0
Visitors Hull suffered at
the dominance of the
Saxons' pack setting up
eight tries, one scored by full
back Tom Jarvis who was
celebrating his 100th league
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celebrating his 100th league appearance in club colours. Jamie Hearn was first to cross the goal line.

They struck again when Ben Barkley blasted through the defensive line.

Nile Dacres then upped the the tally when he powered over which was followed by a score from team mate Mark George.

Hull spilt the ball in the Saxons' midfield, it was

Saxons' midfield, it was worked left to Hearn who evaded several defenders before linking with Dacres. A kick for the corner pro-duced the next score when

duced the next score when Ben Hughes barged over. The final score was another long-range effort as as Hearn linked up with Shillingford.

FAdream Griffiths' brace keeps home win run going

MAN of the match Aaron Griffiths grabbed a brace as second placed Hale-sowen reeled off a ninth straight home

league win.

New loan signing Kyle Patterson made an impressive debut in a well-balanced Yeltz line-up and he soon set up Halesowen's first goal by crossing for Grifths to loop a 16th minute header over goalkeeper Craig Turner.

Lincoln barely troubled the solid Halesowen backling and the Yeltz niled on the

sowen backline and the Yeltz piled on the pressure late in the first half with

force Turner to save for a corner.

On the stroke of half-time Patterson's

Halesowen proved unfortunate not to add to their tally early in the second half as Turner back-pedalled again to claw out another Griffiths header.

Patterson then met Christie's superb

64th minute through ball but was out of luck as he rolled the ball past Turner only for his effort to strike the far post. Another wave of home attacks followed as Christie ballooned a pointblank 73rd minute chance over the bar.

The Yeltz were eventually rewarded with a well-deserved second goal after 84 minutes when Griffiths curled a delightful 20-yard shot into the top corner after Neil MacKenzie laid the ball off.

But the home defence switched off two minutes later with home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant stranded in no-man's

home a close range header for an unlikely Lincoln consolation.

Halesowen Town: Sargeant; Green, Charlton, MacKenzie (Martin 90), Hull (o), Tilt, Gueyes (Jephcott 82), Tonks, Christie, Patterson (Penney 87), Griffiths.

Unused Subs: Kelly, Pearson (GK).
Lincoln United: Turner; Wilkins (Wilkinson 90), Brown, Reddington, Batchelor, Toyne (c), Cann (Dye 46), McDaid, Langham, Holden, Bowden (Drury 66).

Cradley Heathens are back

HEATHENS Speedway bosses have reverted to the Cradley Heath name for the 2014 season. It means Cradley Hea-

2014 season.

It means Cradley Heathens will ride in a competitive league for the first time since 1996 after replacing Dudley.

Management trio Nigel Pearson, Chris Van Straaten and Gary Patchett have also moved to assure fans it doesn't mean the end of their search for a new home in the area.

Heathens were reformed for the 2010 season from the ashes of the old Dudley Wood club – and the Dudley name was used with the intention of securing land in the borough. Pearson has revealed how the decision was taken at a management meeting with co-promoters Chris Van Straaten and Gary Patchett last week.

It's a decision which is sure to go down well with supporters, the majority of which come from the old Dudley Wood days.

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Cradley were one of the glamour clubs of the 80s when thousands of fans flocked to the stadium every

when thousands of fans flocked to the stadium every Saturday. But when the site was demolished for housing, after one season in exile at Stoke the club closed. Club chairman Nigel Pearson said: "We are agreed as a management that this is the way forward. "We used the name Dudley because we weren't sure what the response would be, but it's clear the majority of our fan base are from the Cradley days. "It's fair to say we are entering a make-or-break yearfor the current management to secure a new site—if we don't, then it will be down to the fans to decide whether they want Cradley to continue at Wolverhampton."

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land allowing Brendan McDaid to touch

Iyseden Christie hitting wide twice before Jean-Michel Gueyes cut in to

superb 25 yard lob was finger-tipped away by Turner.

Unused Sub: Newberry.

DK SUFFER WORST LEAGUE LOSS EVER

THIS was Dudley Kingswinford's largest ever league defeat conceding 17 tries from a Sedgley Park pack that were rampant.

Sedgley had players in their ranks with experience in their Championship team of two years ago.

setting y have roughly and prayers in their Championshi Every player in the DK team gave their all, but the gulf between the two teams in terms of experience and physicality was too wide.

No one epitomised their effort more than hooker Luke Greenwood closely followed by the second row pairing of Nick Murphy and skipper Ed Parry.

In the back row joint head coach Pete Knight led by example and was ably supported by his colleagues Danny Hawkins and Sam Pedley.

The two debutant front row forwards Ash Newall and Richard 'Sumo' Hickman both gave a good account of themselves.

Replaced

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In the backs young scrum half Connah Jones belies his years and gave another mature performance, and was ably supported by fly half Kieran Pinches before being replaced by Josh Barnbrook.

Centres Gareth Bown and another debutant Josh Brown had a difficult afternoon against Park's strong centre, but they never gave up in their efforts to stem the tide.

Wingers Donovan Smile

the tide.
Wingers Donovan Smile
and Liam Marshall tried
hard whenever they
received the ball and were
kept busy throughout
making good cover tackles.

Rugby

Eighteen-year-old full back Ben Brown looked to attack at every opportunity.

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Replacement wing Ryan
Smitheman snatched a good
try with 10 minutes left and
served the catalyst for a final
onslaught to get a bonus try.
In the early exchanges DK
fared well and with ball in
hand took the game to their
opponents but poor ball
retention in contact cost
them dearly as after 10
minutes Park scored the
first of their breakaway tries
with increasing frequency.
Despite the mounting
scoreline DK continued to
attack at every opportunity,
and were rewarded with a
Sam Pedley try wide out
after some good forward
play, leaving the half time
score 38-5 to the home side.
Playing down the slope in

score 38-5 to the home side. Playing down the slope in the second half was wave after wave of Park attacks, but somehow DK managed two tries through hard working back row Danny Hawkins and replacement wing Ryan Smitheman who finished off following a cross field kick from fly half Gareth Bown gathered gracefully by skipper Ed Parry who fed Smitheman to run in unopposed.

DK take on Chester this Saturday kick off 2pm.



Lock Nick Murphy drives forward for Dudley Kingswinford during a game which was not one of their best days

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